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Alex. Thou hast done this deed.

Cesar. Thou hast said it.

Alex. Dost thou think

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Cesar. Some while yet.

Alex. I would there were a God—that he might hear.

Casar. 'Tis pity there should be-for thy sake Alex. Wilt thou slay me?

Casar. Why?
Alex. Am I not thy sire?
Casar. And Christendom's to boot.

Alex. I pray thee, man,

Slay me. Casar. And then myself? Thou art crazed, but I

Alex. Art thou very flesh and blood?

Casar. They say, Thine.

Alex. If the heaven stand still and smite thee not, There is no God indeed.

Cæsar. Nor thou nor I

Alex. I could pray to God that God might be, Were I but mad. Thou sayest I am mad: thou liest: I do not pray.

There, surely, is great dramatic speech, and the two men who speak face to face are seen clearly before us, naked to the sight. Yet even these lines do not make drama that would hold the stage. How is it that only one of our greater poets since the last of Shakspeare's contemporaries, and that one Shelley, has understood the complete art of the playwright, and achieved it? Byron, Coleridge, Browning, Tennyson, all wrote plays for the stage; all had their chance of being acted; Tennyson only made even a temporary success, and 'Becket' is likely to have gone out with Irving. Landor wrote plays full of sublime poetry, but not meant for the stage; and now we have Mr. Swinburne following his example, but with an unexampled lyrical quality. Why, without capacity to deal with it, are our poets so insistent on using the only form for which a special faculty, outside the pure poetic gift, is

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Thou art subtle and strong.

I would thou hadst spared him—couldst have spared him.

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I would so too. Our sire, his sire and mine,

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less a person than old Lady Wentworth, Lord Strafford's mother:—

"Hear is a strange unnaturall reporte of Lady Abergane that she has in a pation killed her own child about seven years old, she having been a great while whiping it, my Lord being greeved to hear it crye soe terryably, went into the roome to beg for it, and she threwe it with such forse to the ground she broak the scul; the girl lived but four hours after it."

Nor does she attempt to disguise the severity of the school curriculum, when, with the introduction of the New Learning, education came to be regarded as a method for the manufacture of scholars, not, as in the Middle Ages, a training of the child for his future in life. He seems to have been kept at his books from six to eleven, and from one to six; and Lilly's 'Grammar,' which rapidly superseded the medi-aval catechisms and bestiaries, was knocked into him with the aid of the lash. The grammar-school boys of the day were expected to talk together in Latin, much as modern girls are required or supposed to do in French, and it seems to have been no uncommon thing for children of

five to discourse fluently in that tongue.

For all that, Mrs. Godfrey is able to show that public opinion was not always on the side of the advocates of brutality. In the reign of Elizabeth a number of boys ran away from Eton and the four apple-twigs of the head master, Nicholas Udall, and the matter engaged the attention of no less a personage than the Secretary of State. At his instance the retiring and timid Ascham brought out his 'Schoolmaster,' recommending the methods not of fear, but of love. The same view was taken by Mulcaster in his 'Positions'; and two centuries later by John Locke, who had not forgotten the redoubtable Busby. Indeed, " since everything while it be pretie and yonge draws liking," the judicious Mulcaster feels called on to warn the father and mother, who will, he thinks, be the first teachers, against "dalying and too fond cokkering." Cruelty on the part of parents, though it occurred, as we have seen, our author believes to have been unusual, at any rate in good families; and the pictures she draws of the Sidneys, the Norths, the Wentworths, and others, go far to support her opinion. If the child was made to feel the hand of authority and had to engage early in the battle of life, he was loved none the less, and allowed to find compensation for much discipline in pastimes of all kinds, in games and plays and shows, and the merrymakings of the country-side. The little Puritan was, of course, an exception. Such gratification as he had in his poor little life seems to have been derived from reading 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' and lecturing older people on their sins. Mrs. Godfrey's account of him leaves one undecided whether to laugh or weep.

The author's remarks on the training of girls are hardly less instructive than those on the training of boys, and may serve to open the eyes of those who regard the cultured woman as a latterday freak. Until comparatively modern times, the

education of the sister was implied with that of the brother, even in the poorest class—a statute of Richard II. mentioned on p. 146 providing that the labourer's son or daughter may be sent to school. The elementary teaching was the same in both cases; boys and girls studied the hornbook side by side, and learnt Latin and singing. The girls did not, it is true, go on to the grammar school; but those of the upper class, at least, did not on that account grow up in ignorance. As early as the Plantagenet period we hear of their being sent to convents, or educated at home by tutor or governess. From the latter they learnt needlework and manners; former, whom they shared with their brothers, taught them French and Latin, not to mention music and dancing. Mulcaster in the time of Elizabeth advised that the gentlewoman be taught reading, writing, music, and languages dead and spoken, "with some logical help to chop, and some rhetorick to beare." Nor did the boarding-schools of the seventeenth century lose the tradition of solid attainments. At one of them, kept by a Mrs. Salmon, at Hackney, "the matchless Salmon, at Hackney, "the matchless Orinda" learnt to make Latin verses; and the one which little Anne North attended, at Chelsea, also enjoyed a high reputation. How the sound learning of the earlier times came to be replaced in the eighteenth century by the accomplishments of the "genteel Academy"—how the high-spirited, capable dame of the Plantagenet or Tudor or Stuart period was superseded by the creature of blues and vapours who swooned at the sight of a spider-it is hard to conceive, and would, indeed, be interesting to discover; but, as Mrs. Godfrey points out, such an inquiry would take us outside the range of her volume. She is content to make us realize that the modern struggle for the higher education of women is the effort to recover a lost inheritance, not, as many believe, to obtain a new possession.

We cannot do more than allude to the other contents of the work. Among the most attractive of the chapters not yet mentioned are those on the young Stuarts and other Royal children; on the adventures of some young people in the Civil War-the little Stanley girls, says their admiring chronicler, "had stomachs to digest cannon"; and, above all, that on the 'Nurture of Children at Kings' Courts,' with its quotations from the old-fashioned manuals of deportment, the so-called "Books of Urbanity." We cannot help smiling at the injunctions of Sir Hugh Rhodes to the children of the Chapel Royal to sponge or brush their clothes on rising, and blow their noses before leaving their rooms; or the warning of Erasmus to preserve silence in the bed-chamber, and not to trouble or vex the bedfellow by pulling the clothes off him. Most delightful of all are the hints on table manners, &c., in the 'Babee's Boke' of 1475, and it is with difficulty that we refrain from citing them. They make us feel that, in this case as in others, human nature repeats itself, and that

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these highborn "Bele-Babees" had the same naughty tricks, and required much the same instructions, as less distinguished young gentlemen in more prosaic periods. The pages on children in Shakspeare's plays show that in his attitude towards them the poet was neither behind nor before his contemporaries. Sophocles is nearer to the moderns when in 'The Trachiniæ' he talks of the child as a tender plant, growing in sheltered regions of its own, unvexed by the Sungod's heat or rain or any wind, and rejoicing in its own untroubled being.

On the whole, we find least to interest us in the portions on children in the nursery, nursery lore and toys and songs. The author is perhaps not to blame for this, since some of these subjects—e.g., nursery rhymes—if they are to be made attractive, require more space than was at her disposal. About others—e.g., the treatment of infants—the data seem to be more than usually scanty.

We have no hesitation in recommending the book; it is well and agreeably written, and, along with many delightful trivialities, contains much solid information. The reproductions of the works of eighteenthcentury painters and other pictures of child-life are not the least pleasing of its features.

Voltaire, Montesquieu, and Rousseau in England. By J. Churton Collins. (Eveleigh Nash.)

This is the sort of work which Prof. Churton Collins does admirably. Being a critic inclining to the standards of taste in poetry and prose of the eighteenth century, he interprets the literature of this period in a very sympathetic manner. In the matter of scholarship, especially, he holds to the sound traditions of the school of Gibbon. He has not learnt from the Germans the science of making knowledge inaccessible. His passion for minute research does not dull his sense of literary art. After investigating, with uncommon patience and curiosity, every little matter connected with his subject, he sets out the result of his labours in clear and fluent

These three studies in the history of the influence exerted on France in the eighteenth century by English politics, thought, and literature are good examples of his talent. He keeps to facts; ideas and the history of ideas do not seem to interest him very much, and he remarks, rather unkindly, on the works of his fellow-labourers in the study of literary cosmopolitanism:—

"It is only by minute investigation, and by investigation in detail, that real progress can be made in such a study. At present it seems to be represented rather by abstract generalizations than by generalizations based on facts."

His own generalizations are mainly commonplaces, but it must be allowed that he gives new life and fuller substance to many of them. For instance, everybody knows that Voltaire had a lively and lasting feeling of admiration for the English people; but does not the following

extract from a newly discovered letter from Voltaire to Thieriot throw fresh light on the circumstances in which that feeling was developed and confirmed?

"j came again into England in the latter end of july very much dissatisfied with my secret voiage into France both unsuccesful and expensive....j was without a penny, sick to death of a violent agüe, a stranger, alone, helpless, in the midst of a city, wherein j was known to nobody. my lord and my lady bolingbroke were in the country. j could not make bold to see our ambassadour in so wretched a condition. j had never undergone such distress; but j am born to run through all the misfortunes of life. in these circumstances, my star... sent to me an english gentleman unknown to me, who forced me to receive some money that j wanted. another London citizen that j had seen but once in paris, carried me to his own country house, wherein j lead an obscure and charming life...

let me believe j shall have the pleasure to see you in london, (drawing up) the strong spirit of this unaccountable nation. you will translate their thoughts better, when you live among em. you will see a nation fond of her liberty, learned, witty, despising life and death, a nation of philosophers, not but that there are some fools in england, every country has it madmen. it may be french folly is pleasanter than english madness, but, by god, english wisdom and English Honesty is above yours."

This interesting letter is among the new material which Prof. Churton Collins has added to his essay since it first appeared in book form in 1886. He makes, however, a curious slip in remarking of his author:—

"But what affected him most was a calamity to which in this letter he does not refer, the news of the death of his sister."

For Voltaire goes on to say to Thieriot:

"j have written so much about the death of my sister....that i had almost forgotten to speak to you of her....j have wept for her death, and I would be with her. Life is but a dream full of starts of folly, and of fancied and true miseries. death awakes us from this painful dream, and gives us either a better existence, or no existence at all. farewell."

Life being so vain a thing, Voltaire breaks off writing, and proceeds to reduce to practice his new ideas of honesty, by playing the spy on Bolingbroke and Pope in the interests of the Court. For the "english gentleman unknown to me" who had assisted him with money was King George. We are afraid that Prof. Churton Collins's view of the whole matter is well founded. It is a great pity, for Voltaire's character was already black enough. Probably the only sound thing in his strange nature was his admiration for virtue in other men, especially in dead men whose fame did not obscure his reputation as the finest of living writers, and in young disciples, such as Vauvenargues, who abode contentedly under the shadow of his great name.

In our opinion, Prof. Churton Collins does not fully recognize in his study of Rousseau the distracting effect produced by the intrigues of Voltaire on the imaginative mind of the author of the 'Confessions.' This leads him to use as a sort of framework for his essay on Rousseau

a generalization which scarcely appears to be based on all the facts. He says:—

"The visit to England was the turningpoint of his life....It found him, no doubt, a compound as whimsical as Pascal's and Pope's picture of man, but consistent in inconsistency and perfectly intelligible,—it left him a psychological problem almost as puzzling and fascinating as Swift."

This hypothesis enables Prof. Churton Collins to detach the English episode from the rest of Rousseau's career, and to depict it as a sort of well-constructed tragedy in which the unities are observed. The result is a brilliantly composed essay. But we doubt the hypothesis. In our view, the tragic change in Rousseau's character occurred in Switzerland, and Voltaire was the moving spirit in the series of persecutions which produced this change. Rousseau came to England a broken man, full of wild and bitter and undiscriminating suspicion, seeking vainly for an asylum. Finding that the English press had been turned against him, he took the strangest course that ever man conceived. He resolved to forestall his slanderers and detractors by setting out himself the very worst that could be said against him. As is remarked, there is something of the terrible sincerity of the monomaniac about the 'Confessions': but it must not be forgotten that it was Voltaire and his circle who indirectly compelled Rousseau to this act of madness.

We have not allowed ourselves the space necessary to discuss the essay on Montesquieu, but we may say that it is fully as learned and entertaining as that on Voltaire. Indeed, the whole book is an example of the art of combining instruction and literary pleasure.

The Ancient Borough of Bridgwater in the County of Somerset. By the Rev. Arthur H. Powell. (Bridgwater, Page & Son.)

Bridgwater in the Later Days. (Same author and publishers.)

In these two comely volumes Dr. Powell deals after a satisfactory fashion with the story of Bridgwater, of which he is the vicar, from the earliest days down to the present time. The first volume might with advantage have borne the name of the Rev. W. H. P. Greswell on the titlepage, as an additional author, for five of the more important chapters are from his pen.

The first history of Bridgwater is the history of a bridge in Saxon, and possibly in British, times. The name originally was simply Brugge, or other variants of the word "bridge." The enormous majority of those who use the name of this county town in its present form, both men of Somerset and outside folk, would certainly agree in imagining that it was descriptive of a bridge over water; but that is not the case. Its neighbour Axbridge, in the district of the Mendips, introduced the name of the river on which it stood, and had this been the case, the name in this instance would have been Parretbridge. The second half

of this place-name is in reality derived from Walter de Douai, a Fleming who came over with the Conqueror, and held a large number of manors along the valley of the Parret. Walter de Douai, or possibly his son of the same name, re-built or took charge of the bridge at Bridgwater, and so the place from that time forward was called Brugge Walter, or Brigge-walter, or in the Latin form Pons Walteri, which shows its origin with still more emphasis. Walter's bridge, which spanned the river from the castle to the place known as Castlefield, must have lasted more than two hundred years; it is described in a deed of 1365 as the great bridge to the market-place opposite the castle. In a charter of Edward IV. it is provided that the corporation were entitled to charge a penny for every cartload of merchandise crossing the bridge, expending the money thereby arising for the repair and fortifying of the bridge from time to time.

The low-lying moors, drained by the watershed of the Parret and its tributaries, which stretch across the centre of the county, are in general on a level with the sea at ordinary high tides, but considerably below it during high spring or equinoctial tides. These levels are secured from floods at these critical times by strong banks extending along the shores of the Bristol Channel, and the sides of the rivers. Nevertheless the melting of snow, or exceptional rainfall during the period of the highest tides, still brings about occasional disaster. Although Bridg-water is fourteen miles, following the windings of the river Parret, from Burnham at its mouth, tidal waves have been known to flood Castle Street with three feet of salt water. The great importance of a substantial bridge in early days, when embanking was in its infancy, can easily be realized. The following quaint description of the disasters attendant on the breaking of the sea-wall at Burnham in 1607 is worth quoting :-

"Suddenly, without notice, the country for 20 miles by 5 was flooded to the depth of 11 or 12 feet, the deepest part being at Kingston Seymour. At Huntspiel 28 were drowned....Brean was swallowed up. Of 9 houses there, 7 were destroyed, and with them 26 persons lost their lives....Ken was almost out of kenning. In this parish stood a fair large building belonging to the Lady Straunge, into which all were invited to shelter. The horses stood in the hall abov their middle in water....In Berrow a maid coming from milking was round about beset, and climbing up a bank remained there 24 hours, the rats, mice, and wants (moles) being in swarms about her to save their lives. All this blew profit to some, as seafaring men came in boats and went away richly laden. Others, sheepbyters, killed the sheep for their tallow only, leaving the carcasses. Conies sought refuge on the backs of the sheep, but were drowned at last with them. As soon as possible, 500 men at 12d. a day were put to work at Burnham, the Justices helping not with their eyes only, but also with their hands."

Bridgwater was celebrated in mediæval days for its powerful feudal castle founded

by William Briwere, and its splendid church or chapel dedicated to St. Bridget. The latter, referred to in various charters and wills, has, strange to say, disappeared entirely from sight, and almost from The town was not much memory. dominated by any one special religious foundation, as was usually the case with our English boroughs, such as the Cluniac house of St. Andrew at Northampton or that of Lenton Priory at Nottingham. The two religious houses of note at Bridgwater were those of the Franciscan friars and of the Austin canons of St. John's. With regard to both of these, as well as of the parish church of St. Mary with its various chantries, Dr. Powell writes in an interesting and appreciative fashion. Mr. Greswell's chapters on the trade and traffic of the town and on Admiral Blake, Bridgwater's great hero, show no small research, and are well written. Dr. Powell brings the first volume to a conclusion by interesting sections dealing with the siege of Bridgwater in 1645 and the painful incidents of the Monmouth rebellion.

The second volume, which deals with Bridgwater in the later days, though it does not appeal to antiquaries, and includes less research than its predecessor, offers a variety of interests, and is written after a pleasant fashion. With the dawn of the eighteenth century, elections to Parliament began to assume a local importance which they had never before possessed. There is a good deal of entertaining information with regard to the Whigs and Tories of the days of Queen Anne and in the earlier Georgian era. Dr. Powell has found some curious items with reference to the election for two members which took place at Bridgwater in May, 1741, and which was the eleventh election in this borough since the accession of Queen Anne. On this occasion the Hon. Vere Paulett and George Dodington were returned, the defeated candidate being Sir Charles Wyndham, Bart. Angry attacks were made on the polling officials by the friends of the defeated candidate; to these the Town Clerk replied by printing the poll-book, and prefixing to it a strongly worded rejoinder, denouncing the malicious libels caused by the disappointments of a "hot-headed, furious party." On this occasion 247 persons voted; twenty-one were representative men, known as capital burgesses, whilst the remainder were divided amongst a great variety of professions and trades, of whom nine were clergy, sixteen maltsters, fifteen inn-holders. fourteen butchers, two surgeons and five apothecaries, five attorneys, eight perukemakers, &c. Amongst those occupations which furnished only a single example were a stay-maker, an architect, a soapboiler, and a writing-master. No one is included amongst these franchise holders who could be termed a member of the working classes.

Old poll-books are usually very dry reading, and are valued only by genealogists or ardent county bibliophiles, but the Town Clerk of Bridgwater was bold enough to annotate with a free hand the

list that he published. Thus Richard Axford is here described as appointed place - hunter"; whilst of William Prior it is alleged that he "has a son a placeman, and had the ideas which he had form'd succeeded according to his application, he would have been Distributor of the Stamps for the Western Division of Somerset." Of the Rev. James Knight it is said that he "had an excellent Method of Influence in this Election call'd Henpecking, by which is supposed to be meant, that the Electors' Wives bias'd their Husbands in favour of his Party on account of the private Treats he gave them at his House, tho' we cannot say at his Expense." The Town Clerk evidently had a poor opinion of the clergy, and had no hesitation in lampooning them. The Rev. Henry Parsons was "a mighty Discloser of his Party's Secrets," and the Rev. John Coles was "exceedingly busy and clamourous, unbecoming the Cloth." The man who comes in for the most severe handling is John Pine, a cutler and maltster; of him it is said that "on receiving a sum of Money for Malt of a Landlord he called for a Sneaker of Punch to treat him, and after it was drank, order'd it to be placed to Mr. Dodington's Account—a sneaking

Though Dr. Powell deals somewhat gently with the delinquencies of the town of which he is the historian, it is obvious from these pages that Bridgwater, previous to its disfranchisement within the memory of the older persons of the present generation, was a notoriously corrupt constituency for at least two and a half centuries. The account of the local interest in the Reform Bill of 1832 is a most spirited piece of writing, and effective quotations are made from various local ballads.

Two attractive chapters deal with the coaching days, the first of which is devoted to their earlier history, whilst the second gives an account of the days of "fast coaching," when, in consequence of their much-increased speed, many of the vehicles were advertised as flying machines. Bills with the latter heading describe how these, at their first appearance, performed the whole journey from London to Bath "in three days (if God permit), passengers to pay one pound five shillings each." In 1752 the fast coach from London to Exeter took four days. Palmer's mail-coach between London and Bristol was started an immense improvement was made, for the coach from London to Bristol accomplished the journey in a single day of sixteen hours. We wish that Dr. Powell had given us some later reminiscences. Four-horse mail-coaching between Bridgwater and Minehead, before the West Somerset Railway was made, lasted longer as a genuine coaching concern than in almost any other part of England. Those who frequently used this route in their earlier days must have many amusing reminiscences of old Clark, who drove this coach through all its three stages for many years. Clark was one of the proprietors, and dis-

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himself horsed the stage of good roads from Bridgwater to Nether Stowey. There were many stiff hills, sharp corners, and narrow stretches of road in the next two stages. Clark was generally ready, for a consideration, to allow a box-seat passenger to take the ribbons; but nothing could induce him to allow such a liberty between Bridgwater and Nether Stowey. This used to be a great puzzle to the young men anxious to distinguish themselves as drivers, who were not aware of Clark's share in the proprietorship.

NEW NOVELS.

The God of Clay. By H. C. Bailey. (Hutchinson & Co.)

MR. BAILEY's new book, by reason of its subject and its allotment into consecutive chapters, ranks, we suppose, as a novel. Yet it is hardly that, being an episodic résumé of Napoleon's career, as visualized by the imagination. The thread of interest remains in the person of Bonaparte, who connects the tales. The author's writing is forceful, but he is still too abrupt and spasmodic, a trick that came in with Mr. Kipling. Fortiter in re characterizes him, but not suaviter in modo. His writing is at times brilliant, and he manages to carry you along with him, however reluctant you may be. You want to protest, to point out that this thing could not have happened, to demur to that astounding assumption, to plead that he has not adequately explained, that the puzzle remains, that women do not do these things. Half a score of objections you would like to raise; but you have no time. Mr. Bailey rushes you along, and never heeds; and since you are genuinely interested in his narratives, you give up and follow humbly. Out of a mass of incredible events, and incidents which Mr Bailey does not even condescend to explain, emerges nevertheless a vivid and powerful, and faithful portrait of Napoleon.

The form of this work, we imagine, was dictated by serial necessities, which have hampered the author. But the matter proves, as we have pointed out before, that he is in the forefront of our historical novelists.

The Burning Cresset: a Story of the "Last Rising of the North" (1715). By Howard Pease. (Constable & Co.)

Mr. Pease has established his reputation as a chronicler of the English Border; and his present work will not diminish it, although there are a few verbal slips. The figure of Lord Derwentwater is always interesting, and the author's study has been evidently a labour of love. Forster, the Northumbrian leader, does not get more justice than he deserves; and the writer has little patience with hangers-on of the type of Patten the chaplain. The least successful portions of the book are the doggerel rhymes of the "poet" Robson, but at Preston he emulates the deeds of

his brave comrades. A certain Scotch spaewife is exceedingly cryptic in her strictures on

Who herried the saints frae the Brig unto Duart.
We never heard of any saints in Duart, except Dundee's prisoners, the lairds of Blair and Pollok.

The Fifth Queen Crowned. By Ford Madox Hueffer. (Eveleigh Nash.)

This volume completes Mr. Hueffer's ambitious trilogy concerning the life of Katharine Howard. It is perhaps the best of the three parts, for the author has acquired greater ease in his writing. We still, however, have the feeling that he is straining hard after extreme eleverness. He achieves it, but sacrifices in the achievement something better. On the whole, this trilogy must be regarded as a brilliant tour de force. Katharine Howard appears as the champion of Rome, Cranmer as a cowardly intriguer, and the Lady Mary as an embittered girl. Henry is probably the most successful piece of portraiture, but Katharine herself is admirable. The atmosphere is probably not true history, but it is an atmosphere.

Roses and Rue. By Horace Wyndham. (Grant Richards.)

THE heroine of this book is apparently an attractive lady, and moreover well connected, being the godchild of a peer; she is an orphan with ample means and a most inefficient chaperon. She is clever, we are told, and has a sharp tongue; she is certainly rude and a remarkably poor judge of character. In the opening chapter she forms a resolution to become engaged within the year—to whom is apparently a matter of indifference to her. The story relates her endeavours to bring about this desirable state of She has a series of adventures, chiefly at hotels and boarding establishments, where she becomes on familiar terms, after the shortest acquaintance, with various strangers who turn out to be scoundrels. One of these villains, a "fast" baronet, breakfasts off a "devilled bone and half a bottle of champagne." On the last day of the year, and the last page of the book, she succeeds in persuading the hero to propose to her. We cannot help being rather sorry for him, for we feel that there is trouble in store.

Leroux. By the Hon. Mrs. Walter R. D. Forbes. (Greening & Co.)

This is a story of the French Revolution, and tells how a noble's daughter, saved from the guillotine by going through a form of marriage with a Republican soldier, chooses, when placed in safety, to remain the wife of her chivalrous deliverer, who has meanwhile, in Bonaparte's service, risen to the rank of general. Though a simple tale, it is pleasantly told, and in some passages, such as the prison scene, has a certain note of distinction.

The Trance. By Rachel S. Macnamara. (Blackwood & Sons.)

This book has some pleasing and individual touches of an imaginative and also an everyday kind of observation. At the beginning a sense of youth and its atmosphere hovers over the picture. The writing, though clear in essentials, is not of too obvious and ordinary a sort, and it suggests further possibilities in its author. One cannot, however, accept the principal motive—a twenty years' trance—as being quite in tone and keeping with the general attitude and methods of the story. It is, to begin with, a daring stroke, and in treatment so lacks conviction and power that the reader is left, as it were, aloof and protesting. The motive for it and the use got out of it seem inadequate to the difficulties inherent in such a situation. On the other hand, one or two people in the story— not perhaps the chief figures—have interest of a quiet kind.

The Isle of Maids. By M. T. Hainsselin. (John Lane.)

THE manners and customs of modern Greece seem to have undergone somealteration since Hadji Stavros reigned in the mountains of Attica. The "Clephte," it appears, is no longer a much-respected member of society; and the daughters of the aristocracy, instead of being guarded like French jeunes filles, carry independence to a pitch which would be esteemed over-daring in England or even America. But it is perhaps ungracious to apply a too searching scrutiny to this pretty romance of two British voyagers in classic waters, who, drifting on what they take to be an untenanted island, find it temporarily inhabited by five Athenian maidens, and are in their turn surprised by brigands of a particularly murderous description. Some exciting adventures ensue, and virtue is duly rewarded at the end.

The Sentimental Adventures of Jimmy Bulstrode. By Marie van Vorst. (Methuen & Co.)

MISS VAN VORST'S hero belongs to a type less popular with women novelists than the fascinating blackguard or the imposing bully, but still sufficiently familiar—the ideal knight who lavishes disinterested devotion on one woman, and loyal service on all. In the course of a life thus spent he naturally encounters many adventures of the sentimental kind, attended, as regards the reader, with varying degrees of interest. Among his protégées are numbered a queen and a duchess-an American duchess, who has apparently indoctrinated her English husband with the speech of her native land. Bulstrode's altruistic zeal in arranging matrimonial complications is at last rewarded by a telegram announcing the demise (long patiently awaited) of the man who stands between himself and the lady of his heart. He is really not a

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bad fellow, and his adventures make sufficiently agreeable reading.

By their Fruits. By Mrs. Campbell Praed. (Cassell & Co.)

THE drug habit, the subliminal self, the deceased wife's sister-here is indeed a group of up-to-date problems; but behind them all we have a variation on one of the oldest of romance-themesthe confusion of identity between twin sisters. The story constructed from these diversified materials, though it can scarcely be called probable, is highly ingenious, and through four hundred odd pages the interest never flags. The characterization of the bad and good sister respectively is effective, if not subtle; we realize in some measure the wayward charm of the one, and soon acquire a liking for the other. The two men are not equally well drawn, the blameless man of science being a shadowy figure, and the medical villain conveying more than a suggestion of melodrama. The descriptive details are vivid and often picturesque.

King of the Barons. By J. F. Waight. (Sisley.)

INTIMATE acquaintance with English history in the latter half of the thirteenth century has been so conscientiously used in this romance that its perusal is edifying rather than recreative. The hero is Simon de Montfort; and his son Guy, whom historians have called a base murderer, figures as principal lover, the lady being a ward of Henry III. The author has taken pains to enliven the narrative with courtships, conversations, quarrels, and games, not to mention detailed descriptions of the battles of Lewes and Evesham; but the style is based on that of early romances which hardly bear transportation into current English, while the crowd of characters is too dense for light reading.

The Golden Horseshoe. By Robert Aitken. (Greening & Co.)

MR. AITKEN has already won some distinction as a writer of stirring stories. This book will add to his reputation. It is distinctly American, and is full of exciting incident. We are quickly hurried from one scene to another. We pass from New York to "San Benito," where the "Tiger of San Benito shows his claws." We watch with breathless interest whilst "Cornelius Kerrigan inhabits a pink palace for half an hour," and "Doña Beatriz defies the President." With intense excitement we read of the siege of the "Golden Horseshoe," where "blood flows, and Joaquin Gonzalez goes to his account." It should perhaps be explained that

"the Golden Horseshoe was a vast cavernous recess, scooped by some superhuman power out of the perpendicular cliff-face which spread for leagues on either side of it, and towered above far further than the eye could reach."

The excitement culminates in a scene

where "a gentleman with a pink face and white side-whiskers startles Fifi," and "a fugitive brings very grievous tidings from the Golden Horseshoe." We make no apology because most of our quotations come from the head-lines to the chapters—only thus could we do justice to the thrills and shocks of the narrative. We read the book through at one sitting, and it called us back to the somewhat savage ideals of boyhood.

A Daughter of Belial. By Basil Tozer. (Rebman.)

THOSE who appreciate the novels of the late Mr. Guy Boothby can hardly fail to do justice to Mr. Tozer. Phæbe Gordon, the beautiful vampire who absorbs the vitality of her victim before her accomplice forges his name, is as characteristic of Mr. Boothby as if she had just stepped out of his factory. We are invited to suppose, however, that she has an original in real life. The hero is a journalist, and the heroine a type-writer with a gift for reading character in faces and hand-The progress from business writing. relationship to love is pleasantly sketched. The climax of this sensational story is reached in a madhouse in France.

The New Galatea. By Samuel Gordon. (Greening & Co.)

MR. Gordon's story, though held together by the obvious idea expressed in the title, is nevertheless somewhat disjointed; and the basis of it is overfamiliar to novel-readers. One wonders yet again how many women in fiction have nominally married husbands and learnt to love them. As a rule, it is a variety of story dear to the feminine novelist; and this book shows several feminine traits of handling. It is wanting in vigour, and it has a certain delicacy of manner. The most life-like characters are those who have least to do with the main interest of the narrative.

An Engagement of Convenience. By Louis Zangwill. (Brown, Langham & Co.)

THE manner in which this story is told is too tame and laboured to be effective. The people who behave rather well produce a tepid impression, and those who behave rather badly excite merely lukewarm feelings. Art and love are the chief elements of the book, but the author has not succeeded in interesting us in either as here portrayed.

My Friend the Barrister. By K. E. Ghamat. (Bombay, Ardeshir & Co.)

Some not unnatural absurdities, and more regrettable vulgarities, do not destroy for a discerning reader the essential pathos of the situation described by a Bombay author in 'My Friend the Barrister.' The already isolated Parsee hero of the story is trained in England to an even fuller recognition of the weak points of his own small people than he had evolved for

himself before he left Bombay. To India he returns with no home and no country. Inevitably there follow in such cases—not, indeed, in this romance, but in real life—consequences described to us by other writers, and only hinted at in these pages. One side of mixed marriages that is not here developed involves the painful story of the English girl who, having first deceived herself, complains afterwards in India of bitter deception.

LINGUISTICS AND PHONETICS.

Old English Grammar. By Joseph and Elizabeth Mary Wright. (Frowde.)—The authors of this book claim that it is "by English] that has been written in our lan-guage." If they had said "in any language," the statement might have been open to misconstruction as suggesting a comparison with works of original research; but if fairly interpreted it would have been perfectly justifiable. The invaluable grammar of Sievers, it is true, is in certain respects fuller in detail; but although its method is based on a thorough knowledge of Germanic philology, it is not, like this work, written throughout from the point of view of comparative grammar. Prof. and Mrs. Wright have achieved the very considerable distinction of having written the first Old English grammar in which both the phonology and the accidence are treated with constant reference to those of Primitive Germanic. Indeed, the book goes a good deal further than this, for it includes an admirably complete outline of the phonology of Primitive Germanic as related to its antecedents; and in the accidence the Indo - Germanic forms of thematic and flexional elements are given wherever they are useful in accountin for apparent anomalies. It will probably be said that this is going beyond the proper scope of an Old English grammar. If the book were intended for Germans, the objection might perhaps be allowed; but for the needs of the English student it is desirable that a grammar of the oldest form of his own tongue should contain so much comparative philology as is essential to the scientific understanding of its phenomena, and the authors have not really given more. But even if we leave out of account all that lies outside the limits which Prof. Bülbring has prescribed for himself in his excellent, but still unfinished grammar, the claim to superior completeness made on behalf of this work is clear. It is true that it is — we think regrettably—incomplete in having no syntax; but Prof. Sievers's grammar has the same deficiency, and there is no other work in which this subject is at all adequately treated.

As will be expected by those who are acquainted with Prof. Wright's former works, this grammar is a model of methodical arrangement and lucid and accurate exposition. The established nomenclature has in general been adhered to, but there is one welcome innovation in the employment of the terms "palatal umlaut" and "gutural umlaut" to denote "i, j umlaut" and "a, o, u umlaut" respectively. This, of course, involves the discarding of the former term in the needless (and partly erroneous) application that has hitherto been customary. The abundance of illustrative examples is a commendable feature of the book. It seems, however, hardly worth while to occupy a whole page with a list of the nouns declined like guma, when

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it would have been enough to say that all masculine nouns in a are so declined except the few that follow the declension of frēa. In the phonology the examples have judiciously been selected as far as possible from words that have survived in modern English.

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The few inaccuracies that we have observed will no doubt be corrected in a future edition, but it may be worth while to mention them here for the benefit of those who will have occasion to use the work in treating of the West Germanic gemination produced by the n of nouns of the weak declension, the Old English cnotta and bucca are wrongly included among the examples of this phenomenon (indeed, the former is given as the typical instance), although the correct reason for the gemination in these words is duly recognized on pp. 119 and 149. It is curious that with regard to cnotta Prof. Bülbring has made the same mistake, which involves the assumption (contradicted by the High German forms) that the Germanic type had a single t. It seems doubtful whether the words dogga, frogga, stagga, and sugga are rightly treated as instances of declensional gemination; they have the appearance of being contracted compounds similar to the hypocoristic forms of personal names; and it is noteworthy that none of them has a variant with single g. In the chapter on the representation of the primitive vowels in Germanic, the statement that original o becomes a is made without qualification, the exceptions postulated by Streitberg's explanation of dagum and Van Helten's of brobur being mentioned only in a later chapter, where they come in rather awk-wardly. We note that while Van Helten's hypothesis is accepted in the phonological part of the book, no use is made of it in discussing the declension of $br\bar{o} \not\models or$; it does not seem to rest on very strong evidence. The omission of rare and unimportant flexional forms is justifiable, but it surely nextonal forms is justinable, but it surely ought to have been stated that a, and not e, is the most frequent ending of the nominative plural of \bar{o} stems in West Saxon, and that in late texts a often occurs for the u of the neuter plural. On p. 141 the Latin lexicographers have been followed in their erroneous marking of the i in pisum as long; the French and Old English forms, as well as the Greek micros, point to a short vowel, and there is no metrical evidence to the contrary. The Germanic suffixes -ina (neuter) and -inja should not have been treated in the same paragraph, as their functions are different. The existence of a verb læcan, "to move swiftly," is rather doubtful, and in any case it is misleading to mention it in connexion with the suffix-læcan. The Old English awel, as Dr. Craigie has shown, has nothing to do with the modern awl; it appears to have meant a barbed hook. The forms græs, hläfweard, and hwilwende are marked with an asterisk as if they were hypothetical; they are all extant. The statement (p. 145) that ddisappears between consonants is too absolute, and all the examples but one are irrelevant, being given elsewhere in their proper place as instances of the simplification of dd after consonants. On p. 112 we are told that Verner's Law began to operate "after the completion of the first sound-shifting"; but the usual explanation of Germanic pp, tt, kk, accepted on p. 119, implies that Verner's Law came in before the shifting of the

The typographical accuracy of the book is remarkable. We have been able to discover only four misprints: spēswian (p. 266) for spēowian, lād for lār (in the etymology of lārēow, p. 172), gūļbana (p. 300) for gūļfana,

and $wr\bar{e}pan$ (p. 264) for $wr\bar{w}pan$. The last two are uncorrected in the index; and the index-maker has mistaken the substantive bold in one place for an adjective.

An Anglo-Saxon Dictionary based on the Manuscript Collections of the late Joseph Bosworth. Supplement by T. Northcote Toller.—Part I. A—Eorp. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)—This first part of the long-expected Supplement to the 'Anglo-Saxon Dictionary' is much better than most scholars will probably have ventured to hope. Although the ability which Mr. Toller has shown in the later parts of the dictionary is undisputed, it may well have been doubted whether he would find it possible to make anything really satisfactory out of the first three or four hundred pages (which represent Prof. Bosworth's unrevised work), otherwise than by entirely rewriting them. The difficulty might, indeed, have been met by making the Supplement for the first six letters of the alphabet a complete "cancel" for the corresponding portion of the original work. It is much to be regretted, though it is not surprising, that this plan has not been adopted. The gain in convenience to those using the book would have been great, and the amount of time and labour required for its preparation would have been very slightly, if at all, increased. The Supplement would, of course, have been considerably larger; but the increase would be less than might at first sight be supposed, as many articles have had to be entirely rewritten, and the numerous corrections and deletions take up a great deal of space. However, Mr. Toller's revision is admirably thorough. The 192 pages of the Supplement correspond to only 255 of the Dictionary, and it cannot be said that the treatment is at all needlessly diffuse.

We find very little that calls for criticism. The abbreviated references might in some instances have been made more self-explanatory with little, if any, loss of space; and sometimes charters have been quoted from Thorpe when they should have been quoted from Birch. The word ceddran, given with a quotation, but without explanation, is clearly a misreading for xeddran. The view that \$d\tilde{c}og\$ in 'Beowulf' (line \$51) is the preterite of \$d\tilde{c}og\$ an, "to die," is certainly wrong. There is probably no such word as "addynig, a damp place where a bonfire was made"; the actual form is \$adfini\$, for which more than one very doubtful explanation has been offered. The gloss "alumnis, ælifnæ," of the 'Epinal Glossary' is obscure; Mr. Toller's explanation, "Without means of support, dependent on others," seems forced, though Kluge's suggestion that the lemma should read aluminis is not entirely convincing. We have noted a few misprints, but they are all easy to correct except parcitur for pascitur in the original of a passage quoted under áblissian.

Significant Etymology; or, Roots, Stems, and Branches of the English Language. By the Very Rev. James Mitchell. (Blackwood & Sons.)—This book may be described as a sort of etymological dictionary, in which the words, instead of being treated in detached articles alphabetically arranged, are grouped in classes according to the various departments of nature and of human life to which they relate. The method is somewhat novel. There are several books which are intended to give a general survey of the field of English etymology, but in them

the field of English etymology, but in them the material is arranged with reference to the sources from which the words are derived and the philological principles illustrated in their formation. For the purposes of popular exposition the arrangement

according to signification is not without advantages.

Dr. Mitchell's work, though not possessing any great attractiveness of style, is fairly readable. Unfortunately, the author has often ventured into regions where knowledge of philological science is indispensable, and has in consequence gone priously astray. He frequently ventures to revive obsolete etymological conjectures, or propose new derivations of his own, in evident unconsciousness that the view which he rejects is established by conclusive proof. When a writer maintains that husband means literally "the band of the house," or that the Latin vir and vires are etymologically connected, it is obvious that he either does not know the facts, or lacks the training necessary to appreciate their bearing. We doubt whether, out of Dr. Mitchell's 445 pages, there are as many as twenty that do not contain some indisputable mistake.

The beginning may be taken as a sample. On p. 1 it is said that one is derived from unus; on p. 3 that solstitium is "from sol, the sun, and sisto, to make to stand, from sto, stare, to stand"; on p. 5 that in Scandinavian mythology the moon "was the husband of Tuesca [sic] or the sun"; on p. 6 that teleology is derived from τῆλε, "at a distance"; on p. 7 that "the word zodiacal (lit. the circle of animals) is from the Gr. word zodiakos, of animals, and kuklos, a circle." On p. 8 the statement that "etymology treats of words (etymos)" probably does not proceed from ignorance on the author's part, but is likely to mislead the unlearned reader. On p. 9 the astrological sense of the phrase "in the ascendant" is inaccurately explained. It is unnecessary to proceed further; so far as we can judge, the first nine pages are not an exceptionally bad specimen of the book.

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The derivation of words from Greek and Latin is in general correctly given, but it must be added that the author's account of the process by which they arrived at their present English meaning is often entirely at variance with the historical facts. An amusing instance is the explanation of the word despond:—

"Despondere in Latin signified originally to promise one's daughter in marriage to any one, and as frequently the parting was looked forward to with foreboding, it came to signify to despond, to be cast down, to be filled with apprehension."

If this be original, no one can deny that Dr. Mitchell possesses ingenuity. The Old English words, and the words of foreign languages other than Greek and Latin, are almost as often misprinted as given correctly. Indeed, even in Greek and Latin words misprints are by no means rare: "arburnum" (p. 63) should be viburnum, "venario" (p. 92) should be venatio; "speiriosthai, to sow" (p. 61), should be periresthai; and "phloros, bark" (p. 167), should be phloios.

There is one point in which Dr. Mitchell is decidedly not original. We regret to find that he has transferred a good deal of material in the way of literary illustration bodily from Dr. Smythe Palmer's 'The Folk and their Word-Lore' without the slightest acknowledgment. Such conduct as this deserves the gravest censure.

Discoveries in Hebrew, Gaelic, Gothic, Anglo-Saxon, Latin, Basque, and other Caucasic Languages. By Allison E. Drake. (Kegan Paul & Co.)—Dr. Drake is favourably known as the writer of a useful dissertation (published some fourteen years ago) on 'The Authorship of the West-Saxon Gospels.' Scholars who are acquainted with that excellent piece of work will probably

be disposed to hope that the author's new book, in spite of its ominous title, deserves serious consideration. If such is their expectation, it will be, we fear, disap-pointed. Dr. Drake believes that the accepted science of comparative philology is a delusion, and attempts to found a true science of the subject by searching the dictionaries of Anglo-Saxon, Gothic, modern Gaelic (!), Basque, and many other languages, for words having some sort of resemblance in sound and sense to those which he finds in his Hebrew lexicon. The results, as might be expected, are strange. The English father and the Latin pater (which, for a wonder, are admitted to be akin) are connected with the Hebrew $\bar{a}b$; but the Gaelic athair has nothing to do with these, its real cognates being the Gothic atta and the Hebrew ādon, lord. It is needless to give further samples; the volume contains over three hundred pages of "discoveries" of precisely the same quality, which will astonish scientific students of philology.

The Sounds of English: an Introduction to Phonetics. By Henry Sweet. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)—In his Preface Dr. Sweet says that this work is more elementary than his 'Primer of Phonetics.' This is true in the sense that the elementary notions of the science are explained much more fully; but, on the other hand, the analysis of sounds is carried further than in the earlier book, and some of the new matter is decidedly abstruse. The account of the "shifted vowels," for instance, which was first given in the second edition of the 'Primer,' is here greatly expanded and elaborated. The exposition is probably as lucid as it could be made, but the subject can in no case be rendered easy. The "Organic Alphabet" (i.e., the author's improved form of "Visible Speech") is not used. As the supposed difficulty of this notation undoubtedly repels many students, Dr. Sweet has probably been well advised in dispensing with it in his new book, though it is really easier to learn and to remember than the "Narrow Romic" notation which here takes its place. Although intended for beginners, the book contains much that will be of interest to advanced phoneticians. In the account of English pronunciation a good point is made by distinguishing those local varieties which are decidedly dialectal from those which are passed unnoticed by educated hearers as falling within the limits of permissible diversity in the standard speech. We are glad to see that Dr. Sweet does something to correct the curious errors into which many foreign students of English have fallen through misapprehension of the teaching of his former works. His well-considered remarks on methods of teaching and study, and his criticism of the systems of the chief foreign writers on phonetics, add materially to the value of the book.

POPULAR FICTION AND REPRINTS.

Deep Moat Grange. By S. R. Crockett. (Hodder & Stoughton.)—Mr. Crockett has "let himself go" in the direction of thrilling sensationalism in the present book. The underground passages, the "monks' oven," the ghastly lily-beds, fertilized by the bodies of the Golden Farmer's victims, are the dreadful setting of a narrative which makes the grange, the centre of these mysteries, a scene of most complicated and wild adventure. The narrators are several, the principal being a schoolboy of seventeen, whose vernacular is vulgar, but who exhibits himself very fairly. His father, who is kidnapped in the course of the pro-

ceedings; Elsie, the spirited heroine; and Miser Stennis himself, the murderous villain of the piece, are all well brought out by self-revelation; and it may be said that great skill is shown in the handling of so numerous a company. We fancy, however, in spite of this and the excellence of the local colouring, that the tragic element is a trifle too lurid.

The Statue. By Arnold Bennett and Edon Phillpotts. (Cassell & Co.)—A Millionaire Girl. By A. W. Marchmont. (Same publishers.)-Here are two additions to sensational fiction which may well serve to lighten the tedium of a railway journey. is the work of authors who The Statue are, it need hardly be said, well above the machine-made cliché which usually rules in such stories. The love-interest does not attract us, but the enormous statue which dominates the grounds of a millionaire financier, and holds a secret, is a novel and ingenious idea. The owner of the statue is murdered by a rival financier, but the existence of the latter is so important for political purposes that, even after confessing his guilt, he escapes hanging. We are asked to believe that a cynical English Premier changes his Home Secretary to achieve this perversion of the law. Some of the minor characters are entertaining, and what is called poetical justice is dealt out at the

ond by a rather commonplace expedient.

Mr. Marchmont subjects his "millionaire girl" to the operations of a gang which deprives her early in the book of her father, her hopes of marriage, and her property. The story is exciting enough, but depends on a degree of stupidity in the heroine which is annoying. "People don't do such things," we say to ourselves repeatedly, or, if they do, they really do not deserve the certain triumph of heroines over a series of disasters.

The Hand on the Strings. By Ralph Rodd. (Hurst & Blackett.)—A frankly sensational story without a powerful villain to turn the machinery is—like a car without a driver—apt to stand still. 'The Hand on the Strings' goes on unfalteringly. It is a modern story with cellars and trap-doors, and men in tweeds, in Piccadilly and elsewhere, ready to fire revolvers "through their pockets" as soon as look at you. It sounds. and is, unconvincing, but a villain of character at the head of affairs atones for many incongruities and impossibilities. Mr. Rodd's "Uncle Joseph," as he is called, makes one follow his machinations with interest to the end. The liking, and even esteem, with which he inspires his victims is comprehensible. He is frequently amusing, and his exits and entrances are startling; so are his audacity and unscrupulousness in removing any obstacle to his own personal advancement.

The Gates that Shall not Prevail. By Herbert M. Farrington. (John Lane.)—In this volume the limelight is always in evidence. It plays round the head of the modern St. Anthony, who is a famous preacher in the East End, and poses for the picture which is to set all London talking; it dances round Violetta, frail and fair, and lights her path to a public confession; and it envelopes both the prologue, where the story of his mother's dishonour is related to the schoolboy whom we next meet as Brother Paul of Hoxton, and the equally dramatic close, where he discovers a father in the peerage. The picture is too highly coloured to afford sustained pleasure, but should appeal—and that not unsuccessfully—to the popular taste.

Tinman. By Tom Gallon. (Ward, Lock & Co.)—Mr. Gallon has written his latest novel in his most sombre mood. Some of

his books have humour. 'Tinman,' which is supposed to be narrated by an ex-convict, has a melodramatic gloom which not even a conventional ending can dispel. The main idea, if extravagant, is not uninteresting. An impulsive youth, full of the joy of life, slays a profligate acquaintance for speaking ill of the maiden he loves. Twenty years later, emerging from prison a pre-maturely aged and broken man, he discovers that the incidents of his tragic love-story are being reproduced in the lives of a younger Barbara and her lover. The plot is worked out with some ingenuity, and the writing is not wanting in fluency; but the coincidences are numerous and strange enough to create a sense of unreality in the mind of the most credulous reader, and the movement is too slow for a story in which the characterization is of little or no account.

His Final Flutter. By Henry Potts. (Chatto & Windus.) — Interest in the financial aspect of horse-racing is required for enjoyment of this businesslike story of a dark horse, on whose running in the Cesarewitch depends the union of his owner with a rector's daughter, an heiress who is "fond of sport." Her sporting suitor decides under pressure, after some hesita-tion, to give up gambling on the turf, with the proviso of trying to get his losses back from the ring by backing his horses for one more season. Complications arise, owing to the lady's hand and fortune being coveted by a partner in a London betting house, who is also a landowner and nephew of the rector's cousin, a scheming old maid. The figures plan and plot so briskly, and confine their talk so sedulously to their projects, that small room is left for life-like portraiture or literary embellishment.

Mr. A. C. Fifield has just brought out new editions of Samuel Butler's novels The Way of All Flesh and Erewhon, the latter at a cheaper price. We have often dwelt upon the remarkable originality and freshness of Butler as a thinker. He is not for all minds, and some will be pained by his irreverence; but those who know his powers will agree with Mr. Bernard Shaw's hearty tribute to him as a writer who has as yet nothing like the reputation he deserves.

Mr. Arrowsmith publishes new and well-printed, though cheap editions of The Prisoner of Zenda and Rupert of Hentzau, which should be popular, as they are handy in form.

Messrs. Cassell have sent us a fresh instalment of "The People's Library," including The Little Minister, Uncle Tom's Cabin, The Woman in White, and The Pathfinder.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

THE Japanese have not been fortunate in Formosa and in the interior of Korea. In both they are accused of cruelty in the suppression of insurrection, said by some to have been brought about by the hardness The hillmen of Formosa were of their rule. never pacified by the Chinese, and in that island warfare is perennial. Korea has at all times shown a desire for independence, leading to sporadic fighting against, at one time the Chinese, and at another the Japanese invader. Mr. F. A. McKenzie—a writer who is, now at all events, strongly anti-Japanese-admits in The Tragedy of Korea (Hodder & Stoughton) that government by the Marquis Ito was such as might have been expected of that great man. The privileged position of Japan in Korea is universally recognized, and, while all will be anxious

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that Japanese sway should be suited to the generally mild character of the Korean people, yet that end will not be promoted by foreign interference or by nagging. To ourselves, and indeed to almost all the Powers, the answer would be too plain. It is impossible for us to protect the privileged position of the British and American missionaries in the British and American missionaries in Korea if we are unable to do so in Madagascar. The Athenœum has protested against the change brought about by the present French Resident-General in the African island. The Japanese have been more careful and less sudden and drastic in their methods. The action both of M. Augagneur and of the Japanese is based upon a national belief in France and in Japan that foreign missionaries cannot. Japan that foreign missionaries cannot, by the nature of things, fail to become, even against their wills, centres of foreign interference and of resistance to accomplished facts. The author visited the rebels in arms against the Japanese, and devotes many pages and many illustrations to house-burning by the army of occupation. Out-rages, he admits, were not numerous, and were limited to those committed by "exceptional bodies of troops." Destruction of villages and of farms was more general; but the circumstances were such as to warrant the proceeding, according to the Prussian customs of war; and the author's attacks upon it are similar to those generally made in this country upon the farm-burning policy in the South African war. The re-pression by European Christian Powers of somewhat similar risings to that with which the Japanese have had to contend has been marked by worse incidents than those described by Mr. McKenzie, for

those described by Mr. McKenzie, for example, in the treatment of the Black Flag bands of Tonquin, and, perhaps, even of the so-called "Dacoits" in Upper Burma. The author laid himself open to natural suspicion by entering the rebel lines, and, although he tells the reader that he felt himself bound in honour not to communicate information to one side about the other. information to one side about the other. he has stated on an earlier page that he gave the Koreans warning against a night attack, and suggested to them the adoption of an outpost system. There have been recent cases in Egypt where, with less international authority, the British Government has taken steps to prevent the possibility of foreigners visiting those who might offer resistance to virtual British rule. These are delicate matters, and we confess that we do not wonder at the action taken by the Foreign Office in the case of the Korean bilingual paper edited by an English friend of the author, whose portrait is given and articles quoted in this book. The newspaper in question seems repeatedly to have described "Japanese defeats," which, if defeats at all, cannot have been on a scale that deserved the description; and it is suggested that a charge was made of killing—otherwise than by regular execution—surrendered rebels technically fighting against the Government of their superior of t ment of their country, as well as against the army of Japan. The proof offered does not convince us, for the author assumes that the passing of a sword through the body the passing of a sword through the body of an executed rebel after the volley was an act of brutality. It is, of course, customary to cure the bungling of bad shots by the "coup de grâce": in France, by a pistol shot in the ear of the executed man. One of the complaints of the British Government against that of France during the "pinagainst that of France during the "pin-prick" period was the refusal of the French Government to take, against Frenchmen editing bilingual newspapers at Cairo, action similar to that of the Foreign Office in Mr. Bethell's case. His friend states that The Korea Daily News had come "into direct

conflict with the Japanese legation," and the eight articles produced in Court, as the basis of the charge in the trial before the British Consul-General, under the Order in Council of 1907, are printed in the Appendix, and speak for themselves. After Mr. Bethell had been bound over to be of good behaviour, the newspaper announced that "for a period of six months" it would "be gagged" and unable to publish "further reports of Japanese reverses.

THE ATHENÆUM

Quaker and Courtier: the Life and Work of William Penn. By Mrs. Colquhoun Grant. (Murray.)—It is generally to be regretted when the writer of a book of filial affection neglects the precaution of sub-mitting it before publication to the criticism of some well-qualified and candid friend. In the case before us he would have found ample employment; and if he were not gifted with a sense of humour, we should probably have lost some things which could ill be spared in this drab world, such as the suggestion that there was "a similarity between the opinions of the Quakers and those of the ancient Druids." But, on the whole, his operations would have been to edification. He would, we think, desire the cuttering for desire the authority for the statement that the future Charles I., "then Prince of Wales," sent "envoys" to the Court of Spain, since that is not a privilege of Princes of Wales. With the recollection of Sidney of Wales. and Russell before him he would query another statement, that "in Charles II.'s light and pleasure-seeking mind there was no room for hostility or prejudice." He would ruthlessly suppress such pieces of information as that Nelly Gwyn hung over the pillow of the dying King, since he would know from the accounts of eye-witnesses of the scene that she was not there; or that James II. had "ever been unpopular," and "never very courageous," in view of that monarch's earlier life; or that George Fox was "the first person to stir up a spirit of religion among the poor and ignorant." A good many simple little truisms would have support have gone We search also, we suspect, have gone. We scarcely need be told that Pepys gives a vivid picture of London society at the Restoration; that it was no wonder that morals grew "somewhat lax"; that it must have cost Penn much to leave his wife and family; that "the fact was — the state of the army and navy needed reform"; or that Elizabeth, Princess Palatine, being the daughter of Charles II.'s aunt, was the daughter of Charles II.'s aunt, was also his first cousin. A number of extracts from Pepys about Lady Castlemaine and Penn's father, as well as the whole chapter describing the Plague and the Fire might have disappeared. Punctuation might have been brought into conformity with modern usage, e.g., in the proper names "Burnett" and "Barillion," and Sir Benjamin West is wrong. As for style, such passages as the following might have been improved: following might have been improved:-

"The Quakers now experienced a general ease, and at their yearly assembly they determined to express their gratitude, which they did in an address presented to the King by William Penn, which he did," &c.

Subject to these reservations, the book is written pleasantly and unaffectedly enough. It contains, indeed, we think, nothing that is at once new and important; nothing that is at once new and important; but it establishes Penn's genealogy, and brings into chronological sequence the leading events of his life. It explains his family relations and position in society with clearness, and recites in some detail his travels on the Continent, especially his interviews with the Princess Palatine, and the amusing episode of the Graf von Falkenstein and his daughter. There is,

of course, an account of the trial of Penn for the Gracechurch Street meeting, in which, however, Mrs. Grant misses the real point of importance. It was not that Penn successfully "defied" the law—he did not, as a matter of fact, defy the law at all; he merely denied that he had broken it—but that the success of the jury in winning their action for illegal imprisonment against their action for illegal imprisonment against the Recorder of London, in the Court of Common Pleas, established the right of juries to find verdicts against the Crown. Mrs. Grant gives a satisfactory account of the settlement of Pennsylvania, and of the building of Philadelphia, of which there is an interesting plan; and the description of Penn's treatment of the Indians is sympathetic, as is also that of Indians is sympathetic, as is also that of the great Quaker's last days. We have, too, a copy of his will and an account of the fortunes of the family until the failure of the male branch, with a short statement of the government of Pennsylvania until its absorbtion as one of the United States. There is, too, a sound appreciation of Penn's second wife, a woman of remarkable power and judgment. A full list of Penn's publications is appended.

Mrs. Grant has had at disposal one or two very interesting unpublished letters. In one of them—Penn's letter of advice to his wife and children upon his departure for the colony—there are words of wisdom which show the shrewdness which made Penn so successful in bigger affairs:-

"And, my dearest, divide thy time and be regular. In the morning, view the business of the house. Grieve not thyself with careless servants, they will disorder thee; rather pay them, and let them go. It is best to avoid many words, which I know grieve the soul."

Another saying of Penn-for which we do not know the authority—may be compared with this, as great with small: "I purpose to leave to myself and successors no power of doing mischief, so that the will of one man may not hinder the good of the whole

There are a few interesting illustrations, including West's absurd picture. The portrait of Penn as a young man, in armour, from the collection of Mr. Dugald Stuart, is beautiful.

We hardly know for whose reading Through a Peer Glass (Hodder & Stoughton) is intended. The volume professes to recount certain adventures, in a Parliamentary dreamland, of "Winnie"—a little girl, we hasten to explain. It is clever, both in parts of its text, by Mr. Arthur Waghorne, and in many of its drawings, by Mr. David wilson. But the allusions are indeed cryptic, except to those who belong to the Reporters' Gallery or "the Lobby." The children of such, as well as of members or ex-members of Parliament, will find the book endurable when explained to them by their fathers. The provincial public and that part of the London public which does not follow daily political caricature—if there be such a class—will fail to understand. The heroine has a childish beauty which suggests that Mr. Churchill was once an innocent of four years old. The portrait might have been like him at that time, but those who knew him assert that he was never innocent at any moment of his brilliant life. Some of the notes and illustrations may be styled "personal," but the public may think that Lord Clanricarde, for example, has "brought it on himself." The Bishop of London, we are sure, will not complain of the admirable caricature which represents him in the worst possible light: it is only the necessary "compensating balance" of his deserved popularity. One cut is singularly different from all the rest, and suggests a new line of illustration, though far from a pleasant one. The treatment familiar in Japanese hobgoblins is applied to the evil spirit of the Deceased Wife's Sister, crowned with an episcopal mitre, and escorted by similar apparitions suggesting Mr. Chaplin and Dr. Clifford. The intrusion of party politics frightens us off some pages, but, as a rule, the authors keep clear of such dangerous treatment of their theme. One page satirizes the Lord Chancellor for the highly Conservative nature of his additions to the local bench. The Tory party as a letter-box is opening its mouth to swallow more "magisterial appointments" than even its capacious maw appears able to digest. This joke, however, might come from either side. In the letterpress we find that the Chancellor has "been seized by a band of Radical hooligans who had applied for the Commission of the Peace." The conclusion also is hardly to be looked upon as satisfactory to either side; for, while most of the Volume suggests the destruction of the House of Commons.

Visitation of England and Wales. Edited by F. A. Crisp. Vol. XIV. (Privately printed.)—The excellent work which Mr. Crisp has already done in this direction merits wider appreciation than is usually accorded to genealogical effort. Planned on the same lines as the Heralds' Visitations, though without their authority, it affords a wealth of detail which makes it comparatively easy to obtain the necessary legal proofs for the establishment of kindred. Each pedigree is signed by at least one representative of the family, in many cases by several, and is carried back to the grandfather. Among the more distinguished families are those of Ancaster, Barry, Brassey, Courtenay, Disraeli, Poynter, and Tennyson. In the Ancaster pedigree we are reminded of the fate of a gallant gentleman, Admiral Tryon. The names of the other families we have cited convey their importance to all. There are not so many plates as in earlier volumes, but the paucity in numbers is made up by the interest of those reproduced. Those who are fortunate enough to possess a copy will also treasure it from a typographical point of view.

MESSRS. E. MARLBOROUGH & Co. have sent us some books for travellers. Dutch Self-Taught and L'Inglese imparato da Sè are thoroughly practical guides which probably carry the student as far as he can go by him-self. All systems of "Phonetic Pronunas we hinted last week, are likely to make the expert despair; but that adopted here is as good as can be hoped without the use of scientific symbols which are, we fear, beyond the ordinary man. A feature of these modern guides is that they have laid aside the futilities of olden days, and confine themselves to matters of real import to the tourist. Thus both these books just mentioned deal with commercial terms, Thus both these books just cycling and motoring, and photography.— The Travellers' Practical Manual, giving conversations in English, French, German, and Italian, is very handy in size, and contains a great deal in its pages. Here, too, we notice with pleasure attention to essential details. Thus one of the things the English tourist often wants to discover is where he has to change on a railway journey. This book helps him at once to the right Their inclusion seems obvious, but more than one traveller has failed to find them in such manuals. The German "noch etwas" and its equivalents might have been We notice that golf is given for meals.

included, the terms of which remain largely English; but we are not told the corresponding term for the cry of "fore."—Japanese Self-Taught and Grammar seems rather hopeless in view of the great differences between English and Japanese construction. However, Messrs. Marlborough have done well in securing the services of a practical teacher who has resided for twenty-seven years in the country.

The Diary of John Evelyn, like that of Pepys, is now available in the "Globe Edition" of Messrs. Macmillan. It is an admirably compact issue, and the editorial work of Mr. Austin Dobson is all that it should be. We praised it highly when we reviewed his three-volume issue of 1906. The present book has a few new notes which show that Mr. Dobson keeps a keen eye on all that helps to elucidate the subject. We note the existence of some Appendices concerning Evelyn's correspondence and books, and a good General Index.

SHELLEY'S "I ARISE FROM DREAMS OF THEE" AND MISS SOPHIA STACEY

My attention was recently called to the discussion on the above in *The Athenaum* of November 2nd last. Permit me briefly to state the connexion of my family with the poet.

The "Sophia Stacey" named was my mother. She was the youngest daughter of Flint Stacey, of Maidstone and Hill Green House, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, and was on his death a ward of Mr. Parker, who had married a sister of Sir Tim Shelley of Castle Goring, the aunt of the poet. Miss Stacey lived three years with her guardian at Bath and Brighton, and saw much of the gay society of those places, and of course heard much of Shelley. In 1819 she travelled on the Continent. She kept a voluminous, if not a very literary diary of her progress, and I shall quote from it for facts.

Arriving in Florence on November 8th, she on the 10th called on Madame du Plantis, Palazzo Marini, Via Val Fonda, who told her Mr. and Mrs. Shelley and Miss Clairmont were there, adding, "They were no company, and kept to themselves." On this day Mrs. Shelley gave birth to a son (the future Sir Percy Florence Shelley). Miss Stacey then moved to Madame du Plantis's, and during her stay there became exceedingly intimate with the Shelleys, and had frequent, if not daily meetings with Mr. Shelley, conversing, reading Metastasio and Italian, singing and playing to him, he reading 'The Revolt of Islam' and other poems to her, visiting the various galleries, and walking in the Cascina.

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On the 14th he showed his new-born baby to her, and also the picture of his little boy who had died six months before, "the image of Lady Shelley's lovely eyes." On the 16th, the diary notes: "Singing and conversing with Shelley; he is to write me some poetry." This he handed to her the next day. It was the "I arise from dreams of thee," which was for many years in her possession, and which I constantly saw in the MS. Unfortunately, about the middle of the fifties, this was lost in a sale of the Hill Green House effects—whether stolen or burnt I cannot say—with many other letters. The lines (first appearing in the Rossetti edition) "Thou art fair, and few are fairer," were at the same time mislaid, but subsequently recovered from a gentleman at Oxford, to whom they had been lent, and are now in my possession. These Miss Stacey received shortly after the lines

"I arise from dreams of thee," which she always accepted as specially written for her, and which she was never tired of singing when they were wedded to Salaman's beautiful music. Other of Shelley's favourite songs were "Ah perdona," "Non temer, o madre amata," by Asioli, and some English songs. Though no executant himself, Shelley had an intuitive perception of a lovely melody, sung by one whose voice was very pure, well trained, and highly sympathetic. Their last evening was pleasantly spent together, and the following morning he rose early to see her off to Rome, and then gave her his pocket-book containing the MS. of 'Good Night,' 'Love's Philosophy,' and 'Time Long Past.'

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Florence at this period was very full and gay, with many English and foreign notables. In all the festivities Miss Stacey participated, but not so Shelley, apparently, for he hated crowds, and therefore he knew few, and she would attract much of his notice.

On the fly-leaf of a charming letter of Mrs. Shelley "bella Sophiè," as she calls her, and dated Pisa, March 7th, 1820, Shelley sends her the 'Lines on a Dead Violet,' prefacing the stanzas with.

"I promised you what I cannot perform; a song on singing—there are only two subjects remaining. I have a few stanzas on one, which, though simple and rude, look as if they were dictated by the heart. And so—if you will tell no one whose they are—you are welcome to them."

Then follow the stanzas
"On a dead violet."
To _______,
concluding with

"Pardon these dull verses from one who is dull, but who is not the less ever yours P. B. S. When you come to Pisa contrive to see us, Casa Frassi, Lung Arno."

The letter is now before me. Though the poem was clearly not written for Miss Stacey, he would seem to have dedicated the stanzas to her.

I cannot help thinking Mr. Forman has very rightly interpreted the association of Sophia Stacey with the passionate "I arise from dreams of thee."

Before leaving Florence Miss Stacey was present at the christening of the future Sir Percy Florence, and held him in her arms during the ceremony. On some discussion as to a second name, she suggested Florence (as his birthplace), which was adopted.

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Miss Stacey in 1823 married Capt. James P. Catty of the Royal Engineers, and had two sons: the late Major General Catty, and the writer of the present article.

CORBET STACEY CATTY.

THE BATTLE OF EDINGTON.

This controversy was discontinued during the busiest season by editorial request. May I now make a few final remarks on the

question by way of summing up?

1. I quite understand that Mr. Stevenson (Athen., Oct. 5, 1907) has shown by collateral evidence that one form of the present Wiltshire Edington was Ethandun. But he does not get his evidence from Domesday, where the place is recorded as Edendone, a Norman spelling for the dative Ečandune. We, in Somerset, also criticize the Domesday version of our undoubted twelfth-century place-name Edington, and maintain that Edunineton is a Domesday solecism, possibly attributable to the spelling of a Norman scribe. As our Edington was a Glastonbury manor, we can trace it in the 'Rentalia et Costumaria' of the Abbey, and also from the old charters. I think that Mr. Stevenson lays too much stress upon Domesday orthography when he says:

"The fact that the Somerset Edington is derived from Edwine(s)tun removes the linch-pin of the argument for locating the battle of Ethandun in Somerset." But is it really a fact that our Edington is derived from Edwinetun? I have already pointed out (Athen., June 22, 1907) that Glastonbury Abbey held two manors, viz., Edington on the Poldens, and Edwineston, near Ashbury in Berks, and that the Domesday scribe may have easily confused the two place-names. Besides, I have also shown that Adam of Domerham (an early Glastonbury historian, and therefore likely to know) gives a version of Domesday with our Edington on the Poldens spelt Edincton, and not Edwineton. I have just come across a Wells document dated 50 Henry III., being an agreement between Walter, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Robert, Abbot of Glastonbury, in which an allusion is made to "Edwyneston in Berks."

But can Mr. Stevenson really lay so much stress on Domesday spelling of manors? The very place-name Shapwick on the Poldens (within which our Edington lay), spelt Schapwike in King Ina's charter, reproduced as Sapeswick in Domesday is reproduced as Sapeswick in Domesday. The local pronunciation keeps to the old Saxon rather than the Domesday form. Edington, locally, has never been anything like Edwinestun, but always Edington. (See also Kirby's 'Quest,' 1277; the 'Nomina Villarum,' 1316; the Exchequer Lay Subsidies and Somerset Pedes Finium,

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2. Is my identification of Combwich with Asser's Cynuit impossible? I have given old forms of this place-name, such as Comich, Cumwyz, Cunyz (Somerset Placita); and the last form, which occurs frequently, is certainly not unlike the Cynuit (Cynwyt) of Asser (see Mr. Stevenson's 'Asser'), or the Cynwith of Roger de 'Asser'), or the Cynwith of Roger de Hoveden. Moreover, the Castle (Arx Cynuit) still is known, and is so called, exactly answering to Asser's description (Athen., Aug. 18, 1906, and June 22, 1907), as I have shown. It was a strong place commanding Combwich Passage, and the walls still survive, "nostro modo erecta," i.e., in the Welsh fashion, as Asser observes. In fact, these are the only walls of the kind in the neighbourhood, and were probably piled up by King Alfred's Welsh allies. They are still used as fences. And here I should take the opportunity of saying how much we Somerset archæologists are indebted to Mr. Stevenson for his defence of Asser against Wright and Howorth. For Asser strengthens our points. I endeavoured to champion Asser in *The Fortnightly Review* of September, 1899, saying: "West Somerset bears witness to Asser, and Asser to West Somerset." Asser's journey from Demetia to Somerset and the Parret valley would be viâ Gwent, i.e., Monmouth, where, we take it, Asser was laid up with that sickness after seeing King Alfred, not Win-chester. Here we feel Mr. Stevenson was topographically correct (see his edition of Asser). The river Parret furnished the line of communication, and no doubt Asser landed at Combwich, anciently Cynuit, and saw the walls himself. So the harrying Danes, ravaging the monasteries of Mon-mouth, crossed over from Wales to the Parret, and laid waste Glastonbury and the Polden Manors, using practically the same route as Bishop Asser when coming from Wales to Congresbury and Banwell, the two Somerset monasteries given him by King Alfred.

There is the question of the boundaries of Dunnonia—did they reach to the Parret, so that the "Arx Cynuit" lay within them? This is a difficult question, and I shall not

go into it at length here, but simply remark that it is the belief of a good number of sound archæologists that they did. In early Somerset documents there is frequent mention of a "Bailiwick East" and a "Bailiwick West" of the river Parret. Also, in an old Eton College charter (1100-1200) relating to the alien Priory of Stoke Courcy, there is the topographical expression "Archdeacon of beyond Parret," not corresponding to the present "Archdeaconry of Taunton." Palgrave (i. 692) notes how the "Pagus" (as Somerset was called) became a Balliage, and so a county. The present boundary between North Devon and North Somerset is a forest (Exmoor) boundary, not in any way an ethnical frontier. But were "shires" immutably fixed in King Alfred's time as they stand now? I fancy not. King Alfred speaks in his will of "Triconshire," not Cornwall, and, in an indeterminate way, of manors he held amongst the "Wealcynne." The Saxonization of Somerset began around the old southern capital of Somerton, but the geographical term Dumnonia lingered in the North. C. J. Solinus (A.D. 401-50) mentions the Dumnonii, and says that a rough strait (i.e., the Severn Sea) divided the Silures from the Dumnonii. The Silures, The Silures, surely, would be directly opposite the present of North Somerset. Gildas, c. A.D. 546, speaks of Constantinus "Dumnonia tyrannicus" on one side of the Severn Sea, Vortipore of Demetia on the other. The Danes sallied forth "ex Demetica regione," i.e., Monmouth and the Forest of Dene, and landed in Dumnonia, meaning the valley of the Parret. At least, so I read the campaign. And the Somerset terrain alone can satisfy all conditions.

If King Alfred really subdued the Danes finally at Bratton Castle, it is curious that he should not have gone on a little further and dictated peace at Chippenham in Wiltshire, instead of Wedmore in Somerset. The Danes harried Glastonbury in

King Alfred's time (so William of Malmesbury tells us); and in a Cottonian MS. Hubba is said to have sacked Somerton in 878 (Julius F. vi.). These Somerset devastations point to the Danish concentration in the valley of the Parret. It was near Athelney and King Alfred's base at North Petherton that we should naturally

expect them.

5. I do not see that Mr. Stevenson alludes to John (of) Wallingford (d. A.D. 1214). Thomas Gale says of him: "Iliud adjicio, multa in hoc scriptore haberi ex reconditioribus Historiis præcipue de rebus Danicis quæ apud alios non temere occur-runt." There is one phrase used by John (of) Wallingford in describing the battle of Edington which seems particularly suitable to the Polden site. King Alfred "anticipavit montem, hostibus nimis aptum si præcavissent." It was a ruse of the King to get astride the Polden ridge, and then swoop down upon the Danes. In the 'Vita S. Neoti' there is the phrase: "Deposita seriatim acie, proximum antici-paverunt promontorium." The word "promontorium" exactly fits in with the Polden hills, that ran down amongst marshes and undrained regions right to the Parret. But it does not suit the Wiltshire site.

6. After the battle of Edington, Bishop Clifford thought that the Danes fled to Brugie, i.e. Bridgwater. But the "Arx Paganica," or "Geweore," as it is called, was, surely, not at Bridgwater, but at the very foot of the Polden ridge itself, two or three miles below the Edington battle-field, close to the Parret. There is a castle with a borough there. The place was known (1100–1200) as "Burgh de Capite Montis,"

and there is still a "Bally Field," or Bailey Field, with a "Borough Meadow" close by. Here was a notable landing-place (on that very ancient road to Glastonbury along the Poldens), and also a fine spring of water, still flowing (Athen., June 22, 1907). The local traditions of this spot are genuine, and not second-hand in any way. They refer to Athelney and the Danes, and I refer to Athelney and the Danes, and I have heard very old men, who could neither read nor write, allude to them.

7. A word as to Mr. Stevenson's chronology. As he wishes, apparently, to separate the fight at the "Arx Cynuit" as far as possible from the date of the battle of Edington, thus rendering the idea of Danish co-operation by sea and land improbable, he writes: "The invasion and defeat of the force under Inwar and Healfdene's brother occurred in the winter." But what

does Asser say ?-

"The brother of Inwar and Healfdene, with 23 ships, after much slaughter of the Christians, came from the region of Demetia, where he had wintered ["in qua hiemaverat," Stevenson's 'Asser'], and sailed to Devon."

Simeon of Durham says that the Danes sallied forth like fierce wolves from the country of Demetia, "in which they had wintered." Surely this points to a spring Surely this points to a spring invasion! It was far more likely that the Danes, comfortably encamped in Mon-mouth or "the Forest of Dene" during the winter months, and replenishing their weapons from the iron and forges there, should wait till the favourable conditions of the spring equinox, and run up with the tidal "Bore," which would take their ships as far up the Parret as they wished -indeed, right up to Langport, the old port of Somerton. The rise and fall of the tide would just suit their tactics of swift attack and, if necessary, swift retreat.
In conclusion, I think that Mr. Stevenson's

criticism of Bishop Clifford's theory about the site of the battle of Edington is far too drastic; and when he expresses the opinion that Somerset archæologists, in their efforts to unravel this interesting campaign on the spot, "transgress the laws of history, philology, or logic" (Athen., Oct. 5, 1907), I think he says more than his evidence entitles him to say, or his attitude as a com-

mentator warrants.

WILLIAM GRESWELL.

CHRESTIEN DE TROYES AND DENE-HOLES.

MR. BAKER suggests (Athen., March 7th) a realistic basis for an episode in the 'Elucidation' to the 'Conte del Graal.' He dation' supposes that the dene-holes of South-East England were "storehouses and places of refreshment"; further, that they were kept by fifth-century equivalents of the modern barmaid, and that some actual event—the harrying of these places of re-freshment, the slaughter of these young ladies—is reflected in the story of King Amangons's outrage upon the damsels of the puis, a word which may be translated either by wells or hills.

I would remark that if such an event occurred it must have been of a very striking and terrible nature to have lived on orally for upwards of six centuries until it was ultimately enshrined in a twelfth-century romance, and I cannot conceive that there should be absolutely no other record of it, or of the postulated "places of refreshment." I do not believe that, as a rule, romance is concerned, save in a trifling degree, with historic fact, or that the events which take place in fairyland do so because other events took place previously in the world of mortals. But if a realistic basis is to be sought for the Amangons story, I think Miss Weston's theory preferable, viz, that it records the rooting-out of a definite cult with its women ministrants. For the present, however, I think it safer to refer the story (the archaic character of which, contended for by me twenty years ago, is now generally recognized) to the cycle of myths centring around the Celtic wonder world, and most fully exemplified in the archaic Irish sagas of which 'The Voyage of Bran' is perhaps the best known. This wonder world hes sometimes oversea (the island form), sometimes within the hollow hill; sometimes access to it is gained by plunging into a lake or spring. Among its inmates are fair and willing damsels who allure and solace mortal heroes. At one stage of development it is no longer a land of unbroken peace and dalliance; it is split up among warring clans, and its inmates suffer defeat and out-I think there is every reason to believe rage. that the Welsh and Breton stories, in the form they had assumed immediately before they came into the hands of the French writers by whom they were so profoundly modified, belonged to this stage, which is represented in Ireland by the story entitled 'Cuchulainn's Sick-Bed.'

I should like to traverse Mr. Baker's statement that "Chrestien and his continuators were wont to reproduce with fidelity the details of ancient tales and legends. I should rather say that whilst, in all probability, they retained the incidents and sequences of incidents in their main outlines, they were singularly negligent or faithless in their reproduction of details; and this it is which gives such an indefinite, unrealized, vague aspect to their versions, and differentiates them strongly from the genuinely Celtic tales, whether Irish or Welsh.

ALFRED NUTT.

CHAUCER A NORFOLK MAN.

ONE or two insurmountable difficulties appear to arise in Mr. Walter Rye's plea for Chaucer as a Norfolk man. Geoffrey Drewe of Lynn was a merchant in the reign of Edward II. (Hakluyt's 'English Voyages,' vol. i. p. 120), and could not have been the servant of John Chaucer, born circa 1313.

Mr. Kern's allusion (p. 53) to the full age of John Chaucer in 1330 refers to the age (14 years) at which he had power to be a consenting party to the conveyance of Ips-wich property. There was a John le Chaucer of London living 29 Edward I. (Fines Roll 99 m. 5) who may have been John Chaucer of the Lynn Roll.

The Thomas de Blakeney, draper, husband of Isabella Malyn, was an inhabitant of the Tower Ward, 12 Edward II. (Subsidy Roll 144/3), and was residing there in 1328

(Letter-Book E, p. 220).

There is no evidence that Robert le Chaucer of the 'Life-Records' (Documents 1 and 2, p. 139), and called Robert de Gunthorp (Letter-Book D, p. 179), was the poet's grandfather. This Robert had a wife Mary, 2 Edward II. There was a Robert le Chaucer of Essex whose wife was Agnes, 27 Edward I. (Fine Roll 97). I think Robert Malyn, alias Robert Chaucer, was yet a third Chaucer of that name, living 1300-20. Much work yet remains to be done to prove the identity of the John Chaucers of the fourteenth century, as well as of the Thomas Chaucers appearing on the Fine Rolls (216-44) for various counties, and the Thomas Chaucers of London appearing on the Subsidy Roll, 13 Jan., 13 Rich, II., and on the Bede-Roll of Canterbury, 1429, as vintner of St. Mary le Bow, London. VINCENT B. REDSTONE.

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&c., Mrs. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; White's Natural
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Map of Bryanism: Twelve Years of Demagogy and Defeat.
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Literary Gossip.

Mr. Murray's new books include 'The Military Memoirs of Lieut.-General Sir Joseph Thackwell,' arranged from diaries and correspondence by Col. H. C. Wylly; A Mariner of England,' an account of the career of William Richardson, 1780-1817, told in his own words; and 'A Territorial Army in Being, a practical study of the militia systems of Switzerland and Norway, by Lieut.-Col. C. Delmé-Radeliffe and Mr. J. W. Lewis.

For some time past Dr. Stopford Brooke has had in preparation a volume on four Victorian poets. Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons will publish it on the 24th inst., under the title of 'A Study of Clough, Arnold, Rossetti, and Morris.

Besides its regular issues-which will be, simply, finely printed books—the new Florence press intends to publish occasional volumes illustrated in the finest style of which modern printing is capable. The first of these special issues, to be published this autumn in a limited ediRose.' For this volume Messrs. Keith Henderson and Norman Wilkinson have prepared a series of twenty water-colour drawings, which will be reproduced in coloured collotype. The sole publishers for the Florence Press are Messrs. Chatto & Windus.

The same firm will begin about May 1st a new series of English poets in large type, and with illustrations after wellknown modern artists. The first volume will contain the best 'Ballads and Lyrics of Love' from Percy, illustrated by Mr. Byam Shaw, and edited by Mr. Frank Sidgwick. The same pair will be responsible for 'Legendary Ballads,' which will appear in the autumn in company with two volumes of Browning, in which the text will, by permission of Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co., embody the author's latest corrections, and Miss Eleaner Brickdale will be the illustrator.

A POPULAR EDITION of Mr. Jesse Collings's 'Land Reform, Occupying Ownership, Peasant Proprietary and Rural Education' will be issued in a few days by Messrs. Longmans.

MESSRS. METHUEN promise a book on 'Famous French Salons,' by Mr. F. Hamel, which will include such celebrated figures as Madame de Rambouillet, Ninon de Lenclos, Madame de Sévigné, Madame de Maintenon, Madame de Staël, and Madame Récamier.

THE same firm promise 'George Selwyn and his Times,' by Mr. S. Parnell Kerr, with many illustrations. writer has been fortunate enough to obtain access to a series of unpublished Selwyn letters, which are addressed to a relative, and contain many intimate touches.

THE HON. ARTHUR ELLIOT, having been requested to write the life of the late Lord Goschen, would be greatly obliged if any of Lord Goschen's friends who may have letters of his in their possession would entrust them to him. They should be forwarded to him at 27, Rutland Gate, S.W. Mr. Elliot will take all due care of papers entrusted to him until he is able to return them.

SIR EDMUND VERNEY contributes to the May Sunday at Home an article on 'The Ten Commandments and Others.' A criticism of Christian Science is written by Mr. Herbert W. Horwill. A journey through Kadesh-Barnea and Petra is described by the Rev. A. Forder of Jerusalem; and an account is given of Miss Lettie Egan, who was Vice-Principal of Alexandra College, Dublin, and afterwards died as a missionary in India.

MESSRS. R. A. & J. HAY of Perth will publish in a few days 'A Military History of Perthshire, 1660–1902, edited by the Marchioness of Tullibardine, in two volumes, which may be purchased separately. The first will include much interesting history, in which the editor has been assisted by Sir James H. Ramsay, Mr. Andrew Ross, Mr. W. B. Blaikie, and tion, will be Chaucer's 'Romaunt of the others. The second volume will be mainly Prof. Lawlor, and others.

devoted to the part played by Perthshire soldiers in the Boer War.

THE May issue of Chambers's Journal will contain an article by Mr. Henry W. Lucy giving an analysis of a copy of The Times for October 3rd, 1798. Mr. T. H. S. Escott in 'Behind the Scenes in Printing House Square 'supplies personal anecdotes and recollections of Delane. The twelfth instalment of 'Memories of Half-a-Century,' by Mr. R. C. Lehmann, contains recollections of our critic Chorley, Sir George Grove, and Sir Arthur Sullivan. Miss Rosaline Masson gives an account of twelve generations of Mylnes, master masons to several of the Kings of Scotland, in 'Some Jacks that built Houses.'

Mr. Joseph Howard, Jun., whose death, after a long illness, is announced from New York, was one of the most widely known journalists in the United States. He was born in June, 1833, and had been an active worker for over half a century, either as editor or special correspondent. He was at various times attached to many important newspapers in the States, and was for many years President of the New York Press Club. A successful lecturer on a variety of topics, notably on 'Cranks' and 'People I have Known,' he also published several books, including a 'Life' of Henry Ward Beecher, a 'History of the Union League Club. and 'History Makers of the Nineteenth

France has lost another distinguished Orientalist in M. Hartwig Derenbourg, who died in Paris on Sunday in his sixty-third year. He was a native of Paris, and studied Arabic under M. Reinaud, and subsequently became professor of that language at the Ecole Spéciale of living Oriental languages. He was the author of a number of learned works and editions in Arabic, and a member of the Institute. His father, Joseph Derenbourg, with whom he collaborated, was also an eminent Orientalist.

THE fiftieth volume of the Vienna Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum,' containing Ambrosiaster's Quæstiones Veteris et Novi Testamenti,' will appear immediately, edited by Dr. A. Souter. This is the only British contribution to the series, with the exception of Prof. Robinson Ellis's Orientius, published in 1888.

An abridged translation of M. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu's book 'Le Collectivisme,' by Sir Arthur Clay, is to be published by Mr. Murray.

THE PARISH REGISTER SOCIETY OF DUBLIN is now in the third year of its existence. In view of the fact that the issues of such a society appeal to comparatively few, the support accorded up to the present has been fairly encouraging. The productions include the earlier registers of St. John and St. Michan, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and some small registers of the seventeenth century, edited by the Dean of St. Patrick's,

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SCIENCE

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Theory of Light: a Treatise on hysical Optics. Part I. By Richard C. Physical Optics. Maclaurin. (Cambridge, University Press.)

—The lack of complete and systematic treatises in English on the theory of physical optics has until recently been keenly felt by students, and it is only within the last few years that this want has been to some extent satisfied by the appearance of books dealing with different aspects of the subject. The present volume constitutes the first part of a work which is to consist of three. It deals with the mathematical theory of the propagation of light by wave-motion in the ether, and in particular with certain researches on the subject to which Prof. Maclaurin has of recent years devoted his attention, and which had previously not been collected into the convenient form in which they are now presented to the reader. other two volumes will treat respectively of the electromagnetic theory of light and the history of optical theories.

The opening words of the first chapter come somewhat as a surprise, appearing as they do in a volume which on the most cursory inspection can be seen to deal with a strictly limited portion of a single branch of optics. "What is the chief end of science?" we are asked; then follows a philosophical discussion as to how this question may be answered, the limitations which must be set to inquiries in physical science, and the best methods of advancing knowledge in that field of investigation. How far the discussion is in place here may well be doubted; but the author drops the matter after a few pages, and concludes that the aim of science is

"practical and esthetic. In its practical aspect it seeks to colligate experiences, with the object of enabling us to know as much as possible and communicate our knowledge. To achieve this great end it seeks a harmony, the contemplation of which gives it its esthetic interest. The harmony is expressed by a 'principle' or 'law.'"

This is a view in which most physicists are likely to concur; but the thing is different with regard to the attitude of the author relating to the use of models in the development of scientific theory. Prof. Maclaurin disagrees with the well-known dictum of Lord Kelvin in the Baltimore Lectures, that the construction of a mechanical model is necessary for the complete understanding of physical phenomena; and for the former such models "at best present partial analogies, and illuminate only special portions of the theory," and are "apt to suggest false analogies." While this must be admitted, it may be urged that with due care more may often be gained than is lost by forming a vivid mental picture of physical phenomena. At any rate, Prof. Maclaurin gives warning at the outset that we are to expect the subject to be developed by the application of general dynamical equations, without necessarily attaching precise physical meanings to the symbols used. To those who are interested in the mathematical development of optics this treatment of the subject should appeal. It should, however, be added that the experimental side is kept before the reader by frequent comparisons between the results of theory and experiment, and the graphical representation of the results of such comparisons forms a welcome feature of the book. It is unfortunate that the results of experiments used for comparison with theoretical deductions are too often quoted without

reference to the methods employed, or the nature of the evidence from which they are

The book bears frequent witness to original investigations by Prof. Maclaurin himself. In this connexion may be specially mentioned the chapters dealing with the influence of a layer of transition on reflection and refraction, and on Newton's rings formed by metallic reflection. The appearance of the two other volumes will be awaited with interest.

An Elementary Treatise on Theoretical Mechanics. By J. H. Jeans. (Ginn & Co.)—Prof. Jeans, who went from Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1906, to become first Professor of Applied Mathematics in Princeton University, is known to scientific readers as the author of remarkable researches on the figure of the earth which go a long way towards explaining the irregular form of our planet, which has not even got its centre of gravity at the centre of its solid figure, but has to wear its watery mantle down south so as to keep its balance. The book before us is written with the idea of emphasizing the physical principles involved in dynamics, and slurring over the difficulties of mathematical analysis. Mere puzzle-solvers are requested to avoid the subject and take to "chess or double acrostics."

We presume that students are supposed to have gone through an elementary practical course to help them to realize that the science is fundamentally experimental. The laws of motion are to most of us laws of thought. We do not realize how far we are slaves to the words "force" and "mass," which dominate the whole theory of mechanics. It is instructive to be reminded that until the time of Galileo philosophers believed that heavy bodies sank, and light bodies rose, because they had a natural place in the universe, instead of a natural state of rest or uniform motion, as the first law of motion postulates. In the same connexion we might point out that the astronomical theory of epicyclic planetary motion was based on the preconceived idea that circular motion was the only perfect one.

In courses of mathematical study in this country we begin mechanics with a slender equipment of analytical power. This book is, however, written primarily for the American student, whose training has been hitherto almost confined to pure mathematics, so that we can admire the elegance of Prof. Jeans's solutions without cavilling at the knowledge he assumes.

Amongst the good points of the book we welcome the emphasis laid from the beginning on the need for assuming a frame of reference in enunciating the laws of motion. The difference between using frames of reference moving with the surface of the earth and moving with its centre is of practical importance, involving an acceleration of more than three centimetres per second.

The invention of the Brunner monorail having given a new impulse to the study of tops and gyrostats, with their apparent neglect of the law of gravitation, we turn to the end of the book to read the section on spinning-tops. Here we find an admirable description of the behaviour of a top: how, if it starts with a big enough spin (the string leaves an ordinary peg-top at sixty miles an hour), it will "sleep"; how, as it loses its spin by friction at the peg-point, it begins to wobble; and finally how it hits the ground. The reason why it keeps upright at all is buried in the rather cumbrous equations of motion. An explanation designed for non-

mathematical readers is given by Prof. Perry in one of "The Romance of Science Series," and might well have been incorporated in a condensed form here.

The chapter on 'Generalized Co-ordinates' is a good summary of a difficult subject. The advantage of including them in this book lies in the fact that the student is expected to understand least action and the canonical form of the generalized dynamical equations when he studies the theory of electricity or elasticity, and has hitherto found a simple account of them hard to obtain.

As a book for a teacher's private use we can warmly recommend this volume. What classes of students it would suit best we are not certain: but teachers an decide that for themselves.

Practical Integration. By A. S. Percival. (Macmillan & Co.)—There is perhaps no branch of mathematics in which systematic treatment is more difficult than in integration. There is accordingly room for a summary such as the one before us, which is described in the Preface as follows:—

"This little book is intended for men who, whether engineers, electricians, or those engaged in physical or chemical research, make a practical use of the calculus. The first fifty pages give all the information required in integrating any expression that may arise in practical problems. The illustrations are drawn chiefly from geometrical examples, these being the easiest for all readers to follow."

The phrase "any expression that may arise in practical problems" is of course misleading. The author does not make it clear that it is the exception rather than the rule for an expression to be integrable in terms of the algebraic, circular, and exponential functions. The Gamma func-tions are carefully excluded, and only one example of an elliptic integral is discussed.

If the author had tested the advisability of including each type of integral by stating a physical problem in which it occurs, probably he would have found it necessary to consider these functions, or at any rate give references to works in which they are discussed and tabulated. The problems which are introduced are not marked by difficulties in integration. The most interesting example is concerned with the motion of a man in a parachute. It is shown that if his final velocity is to be 20 ft. per second, he will attain to 99 per cent. of this velocity 1½ seconds after his fall begins. The tacit assumption is made that the parachute is open from the very beginning of the fall. A better example of the same type can be found in the cyclist "free-wheeling down a hill: he approaches very rapidly the asymptotic velocity determined by the balance between the resistance of the air and the component of gravity down the slope.

One of the best features of the book is the table of useful definite integrals, though neater forms of these might have been chosen in one or two cases.

As it is to be hoped that the book will soon reach a second edition, it may not be pedantic for us to suggest that greater care should be shown in the editing. Such a sentence as "The following example I owe to Prof. Greenhill; which takes account of the resistance of the air," is hardly elegant; and we have noted similar blemishes in this otherwise excellent handbook.

SOCIETIES.

Geological. — April 1. — Prof. W. J. Sollas, President, in the chair.—Messrs. W. H. C. Geikie, Granville Poole, and A. A. Roberts were elected Fellows. — The President announced that the

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Council had adopted the following resolution:

"The Council of the Geological Society has heard
with much regret of the death of Dr. Henry Clifton
Sorby, who served on the Council for many years,
and occupied the presidential chair during the
sessions 1878-80. The Council desires to place on
record its high appreciation of the invaluable
services rendered by Dr. Sorby to the Society and
to the science of geology."

A special general meeting was held before the
ordinary meeting, for the purpose of considering
the following motion, proposed by Mr. E. A.
Martin: "That the Council be requested to take
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the following motion, proposed by Mr. E. K. Martin: "That the Council be requested to take the necessary steps, at an early date, in order to allow of the admission of women to full Fellowship of the Geological Society of London." The following amendment, proposed by Dr. A. Smith Woodward, and seconded by Mr. H. A. Allen, was passed by 43 to 34: "That it is desirable that women should be admitted as Fellows of the Society, assuming that this can be done under the present charter." The foregoing amendment having been declared a substantive motion, the following amendment to it was proposed by Mr. H. B. Woodward, and seconded by Mr. O. T. Jones: "That a poll of all the Fellows of the Society resident in the United Kingdom be taken, to ascertain whether a majority is in favour of admitting women to the Society, and, if so, whether as Fellows or as Associates." This was agreed to by 54 to 24. by 54 to 24.

Society of Antiquaries.— March 26.— Sir Edward Brabrook, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. O. M. Dalton described the early relief with the Cruci-Edward Brabrook, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. O. M. Dalton described the early relief with the Crucifixion at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and the Norman Rood at Barking: he considered that the former might possibly have been made as early as the eleventh century. He also described two gilt copper panels in the British Museum, made in the north of France at the beginning of the fourteenth century, comparing them with similar work in the treasury of Rheims Cathedral and in the Bargello at Florence, and also with the illuminations of the fine MS. in the British Museum known as the 'Somme le Roi,' painted at Paris or in the north of France about the same time. He further read a note on certain early examples of fret designs from Palmyra and Syria, which in some respects show analogies with Celtic key-patterns of the Christian period.—A paper on 'Early Christian and Byzantine Ivories in the London Museums' was read by Mr. W. R. Lethaby. Beginning with a group which can be dated the end of the fourth century, and one of which is the famous tablet inscribed "Symmachorum" at South Kensington, he claimed that the panels of a casket at the British Museum, on which the Crucifixion and the Holy Sepulchre are carved, heve so much in common with those first which the Crucifixion and the Holy Sepulchre are carved, have so much in common with those first described that they, too, may be dated as of the fourth century. A second set of sides from a casket, also at the British Museum, carved with casket, also at the British Museum, carved with scenes from the lives of SS. Peter and Paul, was compared with parts of a casket in the Victoria and Albert Museum, which, in turn, was shown to resemble so closely the fine book-covers at Milan that both were probably wrought by the same hand. This group may be dated early in the fifth century. Describing a fragment with the single figure of an apostle at South Kensington, for which be claimed a wirth century origin be concluded by he claimed a sixth-century origin, he concluded by arguing that a set of twelve small panels in the same museum were Byzantine of the eleventh or twelfth century, and not German as they have been described.

April 2.-Lord Avebury, President, in the chair.—Sir John Evans communicated a note on a dated Lambeth saltcellar which bore the arms of the Upholsters' Company of London.—Mr. W. Dale submitted a Report as Local Secretary for Hants, in which he referred to the recovery of a wooden effigy of a lady displaced from Thruxton Church at a recent "restoration."—Mr. C. A. Markham communicated an account of a Roman Markham communicated an account of a Roman stone coffin lately found near Duston, Northants.—Mr. Albert Hartshorne exhibited a bronze roundel inscribed with the letters "m b a"; and an early-fourteenth-century seal with a crucifix and figure of St. Margaret, and the legend CRVX MARGARETA NOS DVCANT AD LOCA LETA.—The Rev. E. F. Robins exhibited the matrix, in a clumsy wooden handle, of a seal formerly used by the Deans of the peculiar of Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex. This was actually the seal of William Duddeley, Dean of Wolverhampton, circa 1460.

April 9.—Sir R. R. Holmes, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. W. H. St. John Hope read a paper, illustrated by a fine series of lantern-slides, on the architectural history of Ludlow Castle, Salop, with special reference to certain recent discoveries, resulting from excavations, as to the keep or great tower, and the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, with its singular round nave.

LINNEAN.—April 2.—Lieut.-Col. Prain, V.P., in the chair.—Miss Winifred Smith, Mr. E. A. Cockayne, Mr. D. T. Gwynne-Vaughan, and Mrs. H. I. Adams were admitted Fellows.—Mr. Hugh Broughton and Fleet-Surgeon C. G. Mathew were elected Fellows.—The Rev. John Gerard, S.J., exhibited lantern-slides of 'Vegetable Imitations or Mimicries.' Prof. Dendy, Prof. Weiss, and the Chairman contributed remarks on the subject or Mimicries.' Prof. Dendy, Prof. Weiss, and the Chairman contributed remarks on the subject.—
The first paper was by Miss W. Smith, 'On the Anatomy of some Sapotaceous Seedlings.' Dr. D. H. Scott and Mr. D. T. Gwynne-Vaughan discussed certain points connected with the paper.—
A paper by Dr. N. Annandale, 'Notes on some Sponges recently collected in Scotland,' was briefly explained by Prof. Dendy.

ENTOMOLOGICAL.—April 1.—Mr. C. O. Waterhouse, President, in the chair.—Mr. F. B. Acherley, Mr. C. G. Clutterbuck, Mr. P. A. Clutterbuck, Mr. W. W. Froggatt, Mr. H. A. Nurse, Mr. W. B. Pratt, Mr. E. R. Speyer, Mr. G. Talbot, and Dr. F. Creighton-Willman were elected Fellows.—Mr. F. B. Jennings exhibited on behalf of Mr. R. A. R. Priske a melanic aberration of the stereorarious beetle Aphodius seybalarius, Fabr., taken at Deal in June, 1907.—Prof. E. B. Poulton, exhibited for Mr. E. E. Green a preparation for the microscope of the tongue of Ochromyia jejuna.—Mr. E. R. Bankes sent for exhibition four specimens of Hepialus humili, L., more or less covered by a sprouting fungoid growth, possibly an early stage of a species of Clavaria, attacking the moths after death. He had met with only eight Lepidopterous imagines thus affected, all of which appeared to be referable to H. humili. He also sent many dead larve of Hepialus lupulinus, L., infested with the fungus Cordiceps entomorrhiza, received from Bognor. They prove destructive, feeding on the roots of Helieborus, Iris, Pæonia, &c. But the infested larvæ were obtained from clumps of P. officinalis only, working to the surface during the winter months. They were of two classes, some showing anteriorly much fibrous net-like mycelium growth, accompanied by a drumstick-like process often more than half the length of the larvæ, the net-like mycelium apparently anchoring them in their places. Others showed no fungoid growth externally, and these work completely out of the soil, and lie about on the surface.—Mr. J. E. Collin communicated a paper on 'The Systematic Affinities of the Phoridæ and of several Brachycerous Families in the Diptera,' by Mr. W. Wesche.—Dr. T. A. Chapman read a paper on 'Stenoptilia grandis, n. sp.'

Institution of Civil Engineers.—April 7.—Sir William Matthews, President, in the chair.—The paper read was 'The King Edward VII. Bridge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by Messrs. F. W. Davis and C. R. S. Kirkpatrick.—It was announced that 16 Associate Members had been transferred to the class of Members, and that 106 candidates had been admitted as Students.—The monthly ballot resulted in the election of 3 Members, 92 Associate Members, and 4 Associates.

ARISTOTELIAN.—April 6.—Dr. G. Dawes Hicks, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. H. Wildon Carr read a paper on 'Impressions and Ideas—the Problem of Idealism.' The description of experience as consisting of impressions and ideas, which we owe to Hume, is convenient for illustrating the problem of psychological idealism. This is the view that psychical states are the only data of knowledge. or psychological idealism. In its the view that psychical states are the only data of knowledge, and, followed to its logical consequence, it involves the theory known as Solipsism. This is the theory that the knower and his conscious states are the only reality, and it is universally rejected as

incredible. But idealist theories do not and cannot meet it by a direct logical refutation; they reject it on the ground of absurdity, and for the most part resolve themselves into theories of the nature of independent reality. When the ground of an argument cannot be disputed, and the logical conclusion cannot be accepted, the only alternative is scepticism. This scepticism can be and has to be stated as an ultimate positive philosophical doctrine, and it was so stated by Hume. The paper was followed by a discussion.

Physical.—March 27.—Dr. C. Chree, President, in the chair.—Dr. C. V. Drysdale exhibited 'A Vacuum · Tube Apparatus for demonstrating the Propagation of Alternate-Current Waves in Cables, and read three papers: 'Notes on the Plug Permeameter,' 'The Use of Shunts and Transformers with Alternate-Current Measuring Instruments,' and 'Dynamometer Wattmeters.'

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK. WED. British Numismatic, 8.

Science Gossip.

Mr. Murray's new books include 'The Heredity of Acquired Characters,' by the Rev. George Henslow, which is further described as "an aspect of the true Darwinism based on personal observations and experiments."

In reviewing on the 4th inst. 'The Real India,' by Mr. Rees, M.P., we hinted a doubt as to the author's repeated statement that India did not now have famines, but prevented them. On Tuesday Sir Athel-stane Baines read at the Royal Statistical Society a paper dealing with Indian sta-tistics, in which the facts as to the effect of famine on population were fully and clearly set forth. Sir Athelstane Baines has high Indian experience, and shows the extent of recent "calamities," which had both direct and indirect effect upon mortality. Mr. Rees has also, we think, suggested the importance of fever in India as compared with the more noticeable plague. Sir Athelstane Baines sets forth the extent to which mortality from fever is in some cases connected with famine. The direct mortality from famine is chiefly among infants and young children, or the very aged. Indian famine appears to leave "increased liability to malarial fever."

Dr. Sigerson gave an interesting lecture before the National Literary Society in Dublin last week on 'A Dublin Surgeon in Elizabethan Times.' He dwelt on the wealth and splendour of the city at the close of Elizabeth's reign, and the onlightened of Enzabeth's reign, and the onlightened public spirit displayed by many of its inhabitants, notably John Morphie, the "chirurgeon" in question, who seems to have been an important figure in civic life. His will—a fine example of Elizabethan English—is remarkable for the benefactions provided for scholarship and the advancement of surgical science.

AT the Institution of Civil Engineers there will be a special meeting on April 27th, when Prof. Henry Louis will deliver the Sixteenth James Forrest Lecture, 'On some Unsolved Problems in Metal Mining.

THE death in his eighty-ninth year is announced from Vienna of the distinguished traveller and naturalist Prof. Ludwig Schmarda. He was Professor of Zoology at the University of Vienna from 1862 to 1883, and was the author of a number of valuable works, among them 'Reise um die Erde in den Jahren 1853-7,' 'Zur Naturgeschichte Aegyptens,' and 'Neue wirbellose Tiere.'

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FINE ARTS

Hubert and John van Eyck: their Life and Work. By W. H. James Weale. (John Lane.)

It has been for many years the ardent wish of English critics that Mr. Weale would find time to write an exhaustive treatise on the Van Eyeks and their art. Mr. Weale has, we believe, known Bruges ever since 1849; and as long ago as 1859, if not earlier, he began to contribute signed articles to the Messager des Sciences et des Arts and the Journal des Beaux-Arts. He shortly afterwards compiled a 'Catalogue du Musée de l'Académie de Bruges, as well as a work entitled 'Bruges et ses Environs.' It is to him, therefore, that we have learnt to look for a clearly reasoned and detailed statement of the place of the Van Eycks in the history of the painting, not only of the Netherlands, but also of Europe generally. In the monumental work before us we have one of the most authoritative and scholarly works that have been published in any language for many years. The individuality of the author, his sincerity and his knowledge, are stamped on every page. From the Foreword (where Mr. Weale's modesty leads him to disclaim literary merit, and his sense of obligation to others prompts him to acknowledge the most trifling services) to the final Observations, his avowed object has been to provide trustworthy material for those who in later days may desire to write a complete history of the Early Netherlandish School of painting.

The contents include a Chronology; extracts from the more important documents, studied in chronological order; an excellent Bibliography, extending over nearly five hundred years; biographical notes on each of the two brothers; and a catalogue raisonné of their paintings. To these are added lists of inadequately authenticated works and lost paintings. The author's Observations bring to a somewhat perplexing conclusion an exhaustive inquiry into all the questions involved. One could wish that a list of works, together with their dates and alternative titles, had been given on p. xi; at present it is difficult to hit on any picture one desires to find. A list of exhibited paintings would also have been helpful, even if only the two exhibitions of Bruges and that of the Guildhall had

been given.

The uncertainty which long prevailed as to the date of Jan van Eyck's death is now finally disposed of by the reproduction of the receipt, dated July 9th, 1441, for the fees at his burial. Another much-debated question on which Mr. Weale throws some light is whether Jan's putative sister ever really existed. He concludes that the lady—for whom a Christian name was at first not hazarded—originated in "the over-fecund imagination of the poet-painter Lucas de Heere," whose ode in praise of the 'Adoration of the Lamb,' published in 1565,

is the first document in which any allusion to her can be found. This invention was amplified in 1568 by Vaernewyck, who, giving free rein to his imagination, alleged that her name was Margaret-which was the name of Jan's wife-and that she remained a spinster, devoted herself to painting, lived in the same house as Hubert, and was buried by his side. Mr. Weale does not refer to the fact, which is within our recollection, that thirty-six years ago a 'Madonna' (No. 708) in the National Gallery (now labelled Flemish School) was ascribed to Margaret van Eyck. The Official Catalogue used to state that she was "probably older than Jan....was, however, pretty certainly dead in 1431....painted in miniature..... In 1418 she was inscribed in the register of the Society of Notre-Dame-aux-Rayons, of the church of St. Bavon at Ghent." These assumptions are now entirely disproved.

The contemporary narrative of the ourney of the embassy sent by Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in 1428 to John, King of Portugal, to which Jan van Eyck was attached as "varlet de chambre de mon dit seigneur de Bourgoigne et excellent maistre en art de painture," is given in full (p. lvi). This is most fortunate, as it corrects a mistake made on p. xxii and liable to cause confusion in the future. The original document tells us how the embassy put in at Sandwich on October 20th, and remained there until November 13th, waiting for two Venetian galleys which were then in the port of London. Mr. Weale states in his Chronology that the embassy put in at Falmouth on October 25th; this is obviously an error for November 25th. The latter date would allow of ample time for Jan van Eyek to have been to London and seen old St. Paul'sand Mr. Weale claims to have recognized in the background of the Rothschild Altarpiece the "crenellated walls of a city with many churches and towers of an English type of architecture, including an exact reproduction of old St. Paul's as seen from the south (p. 111). It is to be hoped that at some future time documentary evidence may be forthcoming to prove that the artist, when he was in England in the autumn of 1428, or even in December of the following year, stayed for some days in London.

Mr. Weale should, we think, have stated at the beginning of the book that the quotations from documents and the inscriptions on all the pictures have not been exactly reproduced in the letterpress, but have been transcribed in extenso. In some cases these inscriptions are incorrectly given. Thus that on the scroll above the head of the Erythræan Sibyl in one of the demi-lunettes of the Ghent polyptych (p. 35) should be corrected to "nil mortale sonås afflata es numine celso," the last word having been omitted. As critics have volunteered many slightly different translations of the chronogram recording the date of the completion of the polyptych, it is regrettable that Mr. Weale

has neither suggested a rendering of it himself, nor quoted Mr. Claude Philips, whose article in *The Fortnightly Review* of October, 1902, might well have been included in the Bibliography. A mistake has also been made in the rendering of the inscription which runs round the head of the basin in the centre panel of the 'Adoration of the Lamb' (p. 42). Mr. Weale renders it

FONS AQUE VITE PROCEDENS DE SEDE AGNI, whereas it should read

HIC EST FONS AQUE VITE PROCEDENS DE SEDE DEI + AGNI.

It is accurately given in the 'Kronyk von Vlaenderen' of 1458, reproduced in the Addenda (p. 208).

Another slip is made in connexion with the panel of the Holy Pilgrims, where the order of the words in the inscription has been reversed, and inaccurately rendered sancti peregrin. The word sancti should come second, as in the HEREMITE SANCTI of the corresponding panel. Again, in the inscription on the frame at the foot of the panel of Adam,

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IN MORTEM PRECIPITAVIT (or PRECIPITAT). The Virgin's reply in calligraphic and inverted letters in the Annunciation panel is "Ecce ancilla Dñi"—not "Ecce ancilla," as given on p. 33. A separate Bibliography is given for the Ghent Altarpiece, and Mr. Weale's final opinion is that "the only portions of the altarpiece entirely due to John are both sides of the shutters on the face of which Adam and Eve are represented" (p. 56).

After dealing exhaustively with the Ghent polyptych, Mr. Weale proceeds to treat in detail the eleven paintings which he accepts as the work of Jan, arranging them in chronological order. The earliest of these is the portrait of Cardinal Albergati, now at Vienna, which is assigned to 1432. The number of this picture in the Vienna Gallery is, however, 624, not 824. The second of the pictures by Jan is the 'Portrait of a Man' (Léal Souvenir) in the National Gallery, which is inscribed with the date October 10th, 1432. It is worth noting that the Official Catalogue fails to point out that the "under side of the panel, painted to imitate jasperated porphyry, bears, near the top, the cipher of an early Italian, probably Venetian, owner" (p. 64). The accompanying reproduction of a silverpoint drawing apparently refers not to this picture, but to the Hermannstadt 'Goldsmith' (p. 107). Œuvre 3 is the Ince Hall 'Madonna' of 1433, but the name of the owner, Mr. C. J. Weld-Blundell, has been omitted. This is followed by the 'Portrait of a Man' wearing a red chaperon, in the National Gallery. It might have been shown that the inscription on this picture was counterfeited and copied on to the so-called Consecration of St. Thomas of Canterbury' at Chatsworth, the two pictures having originally been in the collection of Thomas, Earl of Arundel. It is worth

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noting that Mr. Weale now discards the latter, although he at one time was disposed to accept it as the earliest Van Eyck known, the forged date of 1421 having misled every one. A reference to Mr. Alfred Marks's note to this effect in The Burlington Magazine (vol. x. p. 383, 1907) might have been given on p. 210. M. Durand's article regarding the National Gallery picture appeared in 'Les Arts anciens de Flandre,' and not as stated

on p. 69.

We next pass to the portraits of 'John Arnolfini and Joan Cenani, his Wife,' which is one of the glories of our National Gallery. We are told that the picture was, at a date subsequent to 1556, taken to Spain, and that "in 1789 it was in the Palace of Charles III. at Madrid" (p. 70). No authority is given for this statement, which is the more unfortunate as we are under the impression that Mr. Weale some years ago satisfied himself that the picture when in Spain hung in the lavatory of the royal palace. Charles III., by the way, was not living in 1789; he died in the December of the previous year. Mr. Weale gives 730l. as the price paid in 1842 for the picture, which, we believe, cost only 600 guineas. In either case it was certainly "a moderate sum" to spend on a painting which to-day is worth a small fortune. There is an incorrect reference on p. 73 to Laborde's 'Renaissance des Arts,' the passage indicated appearing in the second volume, not the first. Mr. Weale might have supplemented the biographical notes on Arnolfini by reference to the interesting documents in 'Les Ducs de Bourgoigne. Laborde quotes a document in which "Jehan Arnoulphin, marchant de Lucques, demourant à Bruges," is paid 345 livres for six tapestries which were bought from him to be sent to Rome to be presented to "nostre saint père le pappe, and also mentions other payments made to "Jehan Arnoulphin, compaignon et facteur de Marc Guidecon, marchant de Luques, demourant à Bruges," in 1424

and 1425. It has long been recognized that the 'Head of Jean Palu' at Hampton Court was in some way connected with the head of Canon George Van der Paele, the donor in the Bruges Altarpiece; but the former has always been catalogued as "after Van Eyck." Mr. Weale, who has recently, we believe, had special facilities for examining the picture, now publishes for the first time his conviction that the Hampton Court picture is "most certainly an original study from life, not a copy of the portrait in the altarpiece" (p. 84). The Hampton Court picture is here wrongly numbered; it is No. 287 (272) [452]. It might have been stated that the Bruges Altarpiece was No. 10 in the exhibition of 1902. The portrait of 'John de Leeuw' at Vienna bears the number 625 (not 825), and the inscription on the original frame is not quite accurately given (p. 86). Is this the same man as the "Meester Jan de Leeu" whose name we have discovered in the 'Chronijcke van Vlaenderen,' folio 50,

published at Ghent in 1557? The number of the 'St. Barbara' at Antwerp is omitted, as also the fact that it was exhibited at Bruges in 1902. The 'Helleputte Madonna' is the last of the eleven works which Mr. Weale now accepts as authentic. He considers that it is "the earliest picture of the school, and the only one by John van Eyck in which the linear perspective is perfect—a fact which, notwithstanding its bad state, lends this picture great importance."

notwithstanding its bad state, lends this picture great importance." The first of the twenty-six paintings which are here only "attributed to the Van Eyeks" is the Hermannstadt 'Goldsmith,' which was exhibited at Bruges as a work by Jan, and at the Guildhall as being by Hubert. No reference is made to its having figured in those exhibitions. It is remarkable that there should be no pedigree for the Rothschild Madonna,' and that the earliest biographical note on it dates no further back than 1857, when it was pronounced by Mündler to be "a very fine authentic piece by John van Eyck" (p. 113). This was presumably Otto Mündler, who at that time (1855-8) was travelling agent for the National Gallery. Is it reasonable to suppose that he had the refusal of the picture before it passed into the Roth-schild Collection, but that the National Gallery did not desire to purchase it? It would have been appropriate if this panel, which, as stated above probably includes a reproduction of old St. Paul's, had been acquired for our national collection. The Rolin Altarpiece in the Louvre is now considered by Mr. Weale to be an early work by Jan, who "has to a certain extent injured the general effect by the multiplication of detail" (p. 199). The picture has long been catalogued as No. 1986, the number here given being fifteen years out of date. The piece which has till now been known as the 'Man with the Pinks' is here renamed 'An Esquire of the Order of St. Anthony' the man portrayed wears round his neck 'a collar of the Order of St. Anthony, to which is suspended a tau cross with a tinkling bell attached thereto, all of silver, here painted grey with white lights" (p. 123). The Index, however, contains no mention of the picture under its old or newly bestowed title, the only trace in the book of the still generally accepted title being hidden away in the final Observations under the sub-heading of 'Costume.' The official number of the 'Madonna' at Dresden has been omitted, and in the bibliography (p. 130) the reference to Mr. Marks's observations is inadequate. The version of 'The Vision of St. Francis' now in the collection of Mr. J. G. Johnson did not leave England until 1894. The authenticity of the Turin replica of the same picture has so often been called in question that Mr. Weale's conclusion (expressed not in the body of the book, but in the Observations), to the effect that "it appears to the writer to be an enlargement of later date" (p. 200), will be generally accepted. The letter addressed by Mr. Marks to The have received more than passing reference, as it dealt with the discovery made by Sir W. Thiselton Dyer, the Director of Kew Gardens. He recognized the plant seen in the Turin St. Francis as Chamærops humilis, which grows in Portugal, where Jan would have seen it in 1428.

It is misleading on Mr. Weale's part to include the Frankfort 'Madonna,' the 'John Arnolfini' at Berlin, and the 'Sir Baldwin de Lannoy' among the paintings "attributed to the Van Eycks," as he states in his Observations that they are "certainly by John." They should have been included in his second, and not his third, subdivision of paintings. The official number of the 'Lannoy' is inaccurately given; and it is described as "formerly at Modena, in the collection of the Marquess of Coccapane," but according to the Berlin catalogue, the picture was "erworben 1902 aus dem englischen Kunsthandel." Some reference should have been made to the fact that on the back of the 'Madonna, St. Barbara, and a Carthusian,' which was sold by the Marquis of Exeter at Messrs. Christie's in 1888, and passed into the Berlin Gallery, there was an inscription in Dutch stating, according to the catalogue, that the picture was painted in 1426 for the church of St. Martin at Ypres. The remarks on the 'Three Marys' in the Cook Collection naturally include reference to the palmetto and flowering plants, among which are the mullen, teasel, white nettle, and flag lily. Mention might have been made, here or elsewhere, of Filippo Parlatore's 'Flora Italiana,' in which the Chamærops humilis is fully considered. Moreover, a reproduction of part of Bernhardus de Breidenbach's woodcut of the 'Civitas Jherusalem' of 1486 would have been welcome. Mr. Weale states in his Observations that the Madonna' in the Metropolitan Museum of New York is "certainly the work of an imitator." The price paid for it at the sale of the King of Holland's collection in 1850 appears to have been 600 florins, not 800, as here stated. Moreover, the reference in the bibliography to Waagen is incorrect. In the description of the 'Head of a Man' at Berlin, an error has crept into the text; he is clean shaven, although it is here stated that "he has a brown beard" (p. 170).

The short notice of lost paintings by the Van Eycks is one of the features of the book, and evidently an abstract of voluminous notes made at long intervals. That we still possess drawings of Michael of France, Duchess of Burgundy, of Bonne of Artois, and of Isabella of Portugal is singularly fortunate, and the reproductions given add considerably to the usefulness of the remarks concerning them. The surmise that the drawing in the Royal Library at Brussels may be one of the portraits executed by Jan at the palace of Aviz in 1429 is extremely interesting.

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The letter addressed by Mr. Marks to The Athenœum of May 26th, 1900, should described as artificial, and it is worthy of

notice that the first master who "reproduced a real view as the scene of a subject" was Konrad Witz; but the reference in support of this statement is another of those tiresome little inaccuracies which impair the value, as a work of reference, of Mr. Weale's otherwise exceedingly able and laborious book. The reference in Van Vaernewyck's 'Spieghel' to the long-lost inscription on the tomb of Jan van Eyck is inadequately given (p. 23); it should read Book IV. chap. xlvii. fol. 117. The anglicization of names is at times curious and far from consistent. We have Giovanni Santi (p. lxxiv) and John Santi (p. 218). Dürer's name is spelt in every conceivable way. The printing and Index are excellent. The sarcastic remarks on the late M. Bouchot (p. eviii) and Michiels -whose name is not quite accurately set out (p. xcix)-are not calculated to further the interests of art-criticism. The necessary emendations should be made, and the book might be brought out later in a more popular form.

NATIONAL GALLERY ANNUAL REPORT.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1907 has recently been published. Allusion has from time to time, been made in *The Athenœum* to many of the details now officially announced. It is satisfactory to find that an arrangement has been come to by the Solicitor to the Treasury with regard to the sum of money bequeathed to the Gallery in 1903 by Col. Temple West, and that, in accordance with the terms of the will, the large sum of 94,805l. has been invested by the Trustees. The interest only on this sum is available for the purchase of pictures, as in the case of the T. D. Lewis and F. Clarke Bequests. It is now stated officially for the first time that stated officially for the first time that Hyacinthe Rigaud's 'Lulli and his Fellow-Musicians at the French Court ' cost 2,000l., and that Van Dyck's 'La Marchesa Cattaneo (No. 2144) was purchased for the same amount (13,500l.) as the 'Marchese Gioamount (13,500t.) as the manufacture vanni Battista Cattaneo' (No. 2127). The completion of the purchase of the 'Mar-chesa' has, with the authority of His chesa' has, with the authority of His Majesty's Treasury, been deferred until

Among the most recent additions to the Gallery, not previously referred to in these columns, may be mentioned a painting entitled 'A View in Sussex' (No. 2208), by entitled 'A View in Sussex' (No. 2208), by Patrick Nasmyth, which has been bequeathed by Mr. H. Callcott Brunning. Curiously enough, the Gallery already contains a picture by the same artist with exactly the same title. Among the pictures recently lent by Mr. G. Salting are four Corots, a Diaz, a Daubigny, a 'Virgin and Child' by the Maitre de Flémalle, and a 'St. Clement and Donor,' which is somewhat strangely given as being by "The Master of Jehan Perreal." Once more a good, if unambitious painting, 'Une Parade,' has been purchased out of the T. D. Lewis Bequest. In the Print-Room of the British Museum there is a reproduction of a sheet of drawings made by Gabriel Jacques de St. Aubin for this very picture. Aubin for this very picture.

We note, in view of our criticisms, followed by those of other papers, that no reference is made to the Official Catalogue beyond the statement that the eightieth edition of the Foreign Catalogue is still on THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME.

THE third open meeting of this School during the present session took place on Monday, March 30th, in the library of the School. Father P. P. Mackey, Associate (honoris causa) of the School, exhibited a series of slides illustrating the earlier forms of architecture found in Italy, from his own photographs taken in the course of many journeys in the country, and admirably exemplifying the development of ancient constructions from primitive times to the Roman period. The series began with the megalithic monuments of Sardinia, which have been recently engaging the special attention of the School, and with the rockcut tombs of South-Eastern Sicily. From the first, or primitive period, the lecturer passed to the second, that of "Cyclopean" or "Pelasgic" constructions, the examples of which were almost entirely taken from the fortifications of the ancient cities of Central Italy, showing the gradual development of the polygonal style of building, from the roughest, in which unhewn blocks were employed, as in the walls of the primitive town of Sæpinum, to the comparatively highly developed masonry of the gates of Norba and of the citadel of Aletrium (Alatri). This high development is seen not only in the main gates, but also in the smaller posterns, that in the great substruction wall which supports the terrace surmounting the citadel of Alatri leading to a carefully con-structed stairway which ascends to the level of the terrace. The blocks, too, are finely of the terrace. The blocks, too, are finely smoothed and jointed; and it does not seem at all impossible that the more perfect of these constructions, especially those of Norba (where, indeed, the results of recent excavations appear to have demonstrated it as a fact), may actually belong to the Roman period. The great gate of Norba is remarkable as being so arranged that an enemy attacking it would be exposed to counter-attack on both flanks. The so-called Porta Saracinesca at Segni, on the other hand, is an example of a far more primitive style. An interesting specimen was the polygonal terrace wall at Orbetello, actually washed by the waters of the lagoon upon which the town is situated-interesting also for its position, being on the coast of Etruria, in which masonry of rectangular blocks is more generally found. The Greek temples of South Italy and Sicily were expressly excluded from the survey, and the Greek period was represented only by details of the fortifications of Selinus and Euryalus, near Syracuse, and by the Greek theatre at Bovianum Vetus (Pietrabbondante), in Samnium.

The fortifications of Etruria were illustrated by the city walls of Volterra, of huge roughly squared blocks; by those of Cortona, in which the work was somewhat more carefully done (in both cases weathering has added to the apparent roughness of the construction); and by those of Veii, which, being of the softer tufa, are still more accurately jointed. Etruscan tombs were represented by the tumuli of Caere (Cerveteri), by the rock-cut tombs of the necropolis of Norchia, and by those which occupy the ravines near Barbarano, the last unknown to

Dennis, and but little visited.

The Roman period summed up in itself, as it were, all these different styles of construction. Specimens of Roman fortifica-tions were shown—sometimes upon a new site in the lower ground, after the abandon-ment of the high-lying primitive city, the capture of which had given the Roman conqueror much trouble, as at Sæpinum and Carsulæ; sometimes repairs to the older walling, as at Cora and Signia. Sometimes

the old polygonal style was perpetuated, but used as the facing to Roman concrete; and this was the case, too, in other buildings, for example, in the retaining walls which supported the terraces upon which many Roman villas in the neighbourhood of Tivoli, and beneath the slopes of Monte Gennaro (Lucretilis). were constructed; also in the embankment wall of the Via Appia in the mountain town of Itri, between Fondi and Formia. The series closed with the opus reticulatum, the more refined form of the opus incertum as a facing for concrete: the former occasionally shows cubes of different colours, arranged in patterns, which produce a decorative effect, as in the aqueduct of Minturns, near the mouth of the Liris. The rise and development of brickwork did not fall within the purpose of the paper. The meeting was well attended.

SALE.

MESSRS. CHRISTIE sold on Saturday last the Wood: D. Farquharson, Hay-Time in the Langdales 110l. E. de Blaas, The First Cigar, 120l. A. A. Lesrel, Checkmate, 105l.

Fine-Art Gossip.

Messrs. Christie's season of picture sales will be marked by the dispersal of two extensive collections of pictures by modern artists. Each of these sales will occupy three days. The earlier—that of the late Mr. Humphrey Roberts—will take place on Thursday, May 21st, and two following days, and comprises over 300 lots, nearly all the leading modern artists, English and continental, being represented by one or more examples. There are four important and frequently exhibited pictures by Millais; and the French School is represented by five works of Corot, Daubigny, Harpig-nies, L'Hermitte, Ch. Jacque, and Troyon. The second big sale will consist of the collec-tion of the late Mr. Stephen George Holland this will be held in June, and full details of it are not yet available.

M. RENÉ DE SAINT-MARCEAUX has almost finished the monument which is to be erected at Berne to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Union Postale. The monument was decided upon at the Congress of the Union Postale Universelle held at Berne in 1903, and the competition was open to artists of all countries. The monument is of gigantic proportions, and will be in granite and bronze. Some months yet must elapse before it finds its permanent home at

Mr. J. P. Johnson, author of 'Stone Implements of South Africa,' has been commissioned by the Government of Orange River Colony to investigate and report on the sculptures and paintings of Bushmen in that territory. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Commission appointed by the Transvaal Government last year to make a similar report on the etchings and paintings of that

THE REV. W. SHAW CALDECOTT is publishing with Mr. Murray a book on 'The Second Temple in Jerusalem, as built by Zerubbabel: its History and Structure.'

MESSRS. METHUEN are making two additions to their "Classics of Art." Florentine Sculptors of the Renaissance,' by Dr. Bode, will be translated by Mr. J. Haynes. Dr. Bode deals with the development of plastic art in Florence from Donatello to Michelangelo, and many students will be glad to have his authoritative record

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in English. Mr. L. W. King, one of our leading younger Orientalists, will deal with The Art of the Egyptians, and hopes to supply at once a book for the general reader, and the student. The illustration of the student. and a guide for the student. The illustra-tions will be carefully selected, and the important question of the foreign influence of Egyptian art will be considered in the concluding chapters.

MR. W. V. DANIELL, of Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, has issued an excellent catalogue of 'Portraits, chiefly by Engravers of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, to which there is added an acceptable index of engravers. We are sorry Mr. Daniell did not go a step further and add an index of artists, according to the excellent precedent set by J. Chaloner Smith. The entries in this catalogue extend to 2,564, and the prices are moderate throughout. There is an unusually long series of portraits of the four Stuart kings of England.

M. HENRY MARTIN, the Administrateur of the Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, Paris, whose great knowledge of mediæval manuscripts and miniatures is well known, is issuing through MM. Plon-Nourrit et Cie. an "ouvrage de luxe" under the title of 'Le Térence des Ducs.' The volume will contain a reproduction of all the miniatures (133 in number) from one of the most beautiful manuscripts of the Middle Ages.

DR. RENÉ JEANNEL of Toulouse has made an interesting discovery of a cave with prehistoric drawings between Foix and Le Mas d'Azil, in the Department of Ariège. In addition to drawings of horses and aurochs, he found about forty designs, among which was the silhouette of a human being. The date of the drawings, which are in red and black, can be roughly determined by the fact that they include reindeer.

EXHIBITIONS.

TRURS. (April 23).—New Gallery Exhibition.

Syr. (April 25).—Ninety-Fifth Exhibition of Pictures by British and (Friega Artists, including Works from the Alex. Young Collection, Private View, French Gallery.

MUSIC

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Mozart: the Story of his Life as Man and Artist. By Victor Wilder. Translated by L. Liebich. 2 vols. (William Reeves.) —The standard life of Mozart is the one written by Otto Jahn, which has also been translated into English; yet, valuable as that life is, it contains long chapters on the art-work of the composer which to the general reader are probably somewhat dry. M. Victor Wilder in his 'Mozart, l'Homme et l'Artiste,' published in 1880, while, naturally, making use of Jahn's life, sought to appeal to general readers; hence there is more of biography than artistic comment or criticism in his book; there are also many anecdotes, but whether all are as trustworthy as those of Schachtner, the Court trumpeter, is open to question.

So far as we can judge without the original text before us, the translation by L. Liebich is good. Some useful explanatory L. Liebich is good. Some useful explanatory and critical foot-notes are added, though it is a pity that the translator did not consult the second edition of Koechel's Thematic Catalogue. On one page, however, in which a curious mistake of M. Wilder's is pointed out, the date of Daines Barrington's account of Mozart in the *Philosophical Transactions* is given as 1870, instead of 1770. This is unfortunate, but was evidently a slip of the page or the but was evidently a slip of the pen or the printer. There is another and more serious

error. The date of Mozart's death is given as September 5th, 1791, whereas the actual month was December. Moreover, there is month was December. Moreover, there is no other date in the chapter to help a reader to detect the slip. The number of mistakes in the spelling of proper names is legion, and they should all be set right in a future edition. We give only a few samples: Aufossi, Phillider, Zémire, and Agor, Schoenbrum, and Sussmayer. There is a bibliography, with a list of works taken from Jahn's book. The volumes contain some interesting illustrations, portraits, and faccingles. illustrations, portraits, and facsimiles.

Musical Gossip.

THE SHEFFIELD CHOIR appeared at the Symphony Concert at Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon. As opening number was given Bach's Motet No. 6, "Praise the Lord, all ye heathens." This was not sung, in the early part, with the calm dignity the music requires; but the singers arrived late, and were evidently flurried. The closing section, however, was finely rendered. closing section, however, was finely rendered. This grand work was conducted by Dr. Henry Coward. In Sir Edward Elgar's 'Dream of Gerontius' the choral singing was superb, both for delicacy and strength. Miss Julia Culp and Mr. Felix Senius, who interpreted the parts of the Angel and Gerontius, entered into the dramatic spirit of the music, yet neither seemed thoroughly to feel its mystic and emotional power. Culp's singing, nevertheless, was fine, and in its way impressive. Mr. Senius, the Russian tenor, had evidently worked hard to master the English text, but his pronunciation was at times faulty, and, as once before happened in this very work, spoilt the solemnity of the words of Gerontius. Mr. Herbert Brown in the "Priest" and the "Angel of the Agony" music was admirable. Mr. Henry J. Wood conducted most carefully, and the Queen's Hall Orchestra was at its very best.

THE fourth season of "Popular Concerts for Children and Young Students," under the management of the Chaplin Trio and The Misses Holland and Asbury, came to a successful close at Steinway Hall on Saturday, March 28th. A fifth series of five concerts will be arranged from October, 1908, to March, 1909.

THE opening of the new St. James's Hall,

Portland Street, has been fixed for Saturday, the 25th inst., when the first of a series of Promenade Concerts will be given under the direction of Mr. Lyell Tayler.

THE following arrangements have been orchestra for next season. The Hanley Glee and Madrigal Society will take part in Berlioz's 'Faust'; the Leeds Choral Union in a Bach programme ending with the 'Choral' Symphony; and the Sheffield Choir in Bach's 'Matthew' Passion.

THE TABLE OF CONTENTS of the eighth year of the Monthly and Quarterly Journal of the International Musical Society, which appeared in the February number of the Monthly Journal, gives a good idea of the valuable information contained in these periodicals.

JOSEPH SUCHER, the distinguished conductor, who succeeded Schroeder at the Royal Opera, Berlin, in 1888, remaining in that post for ten years, died at the end of last month. He was sixty-four years of

M. Rodolphe Genée in the twenty-fifth Heft of the communications of the "Mozart-gemeinde" has published a book gemeinde" has published a book of manuscript music presented to Mozart, when six

years old, by his father. It contains 120 short pieces, some of which are by Ph. Em. Bach, Hasse, Telemann, and Gottfried Bach, Hasse, Telemann, and Gottfried Kirchhoff, the last-named a celebrated composer of organ music, one of whose fantasias was formerly attributed to Bach.

AT Berlin have just been published 269 letters of Wagner to his first wife, Wilhemine Plauer, whom he married in 1836. The correspondence begins in 1842, at the time of the production of 'Rienzi' at Dresden, and ends in 1863, when Wagner was at Vienna. The separation took place in

THE spinet which belonged to Marie Thérèse is said to have been discovered at Aussig-on-Elbe, together with a letter written by the Empress in which she presents the instrument as a gift to one of her ladies in waiting.

PERFORMANCES NEXT WEEK.
Concert, 3.30, Albert Hall.
Sunday Concert Society, 3.30, Queen's Hall.
National Sunday League, 7, Queen's Hall.
Oxidonal Sunday League, 7, Queen's Hall.
London Symphony Orchestra, 3, Queen's Hall.
Promenade Concert, 8, 85, James's Hall.

DRAMA

THE WEEK.

HAYMARKET (STAGE SOCIETY'S PRODUC-TION) .- The Breaking-Point : a Play in Three Acts. By Edward Garnett.

In a slightly different way from that contemplated by himself, the Censor did the playgoing public a service when he refused a licence for 'The Breaking-Point.'
There is nothing in the moral tone of the play that need have disturbed the most sensitive conscience; except that the heroine employs a few rather bold phrases to describe her condition, that of approaching maternity, the author scrupulously regards the proprieties, and his theme forms part of the ordinary stock-in-trade of melodrama. What may fairly be objected to in Mr. Garnett's piece is not its subject, but its dullness, and lack of dramatic qualities. He merely presents a situation, and disposes of it abruptly by the device of suicide; we miss due development of plot and character. The result is a depressing entertainment, which is not rendered more acceptable by its air of solemnity. For this state of affairs the invertebrate disposition of the heroine is no doubt partly responsible. Too weak to withstand the importunity of her lover—a married man who has failed to take advantage of the laws of divorce—she has not resolution enough to rebel against the tyranny of the selfish old pedant who is her father; and so, terrified by the prospect of motherhood, and torn between the claims of her child's father and her own, she reaches the "breaking-point." The absence of initiative in her exercises a paralyzing influence on the play, and helps to produce the impression of monotony. The acting furnished by the Stage Society's company did not improve matters. Mr. William Farren, jun., brought out cleverly the unconscious egoism of the heroine's father, but no one else was particularly effective, and several of the players were almost inaudible.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE,

A National Theatre: Scheme and Estimates. By William Archer and H. Granville Barker. (Duckworth & Co.)—Among the proposals mooted in connexion with the celebration of Shakspeare's tercentenary, one has for its object the founding of a National Theatre in honour of the poet. Whether this repertory theatre is or is not to confine itself exclusively to the cult of the Shakspearean drama does not seem clear from the language of its advocates. But if other classical authors no less than Shakspeare, and modern playwrights no less than those of the past are to be considered, the first step will have been taken towards an ideal which Mr. William Archer and Mr. Granville Barker have long cherished. These two reformers, however, have not been content merely with championing the notion of a National Theatre at which, in a constantly varied programme, the best plays of our older and contemporary drama should be ade-quately represented; they have also drawn up definite plans and estimates for the working of such a theatre, and mapped out a specimen repertory for a year's performances.

Into the technical and financial details of their scheme, all discussed with businesslike thoroughness, it is impossible to enter here. This much may be said—that they reckon the initial expenses at 380,000l., count on a seating accommodation of 1,550, and expect that an average receipt of 1787, per performance would be required (royalties included). These figures are quoted to show that Messrs. Archer and Barker recognize that their theatre would be rather a costly undertaking, and also that they contemplate a playhouse of the usual London size. Now it has to be noted that in discarding the long-run system-and this is the essence of their plan-they are setting at defiance the economic arrangements which govern theatrical enterprise throughout this country. The dubious point, therefore, about their proposals—the matter which seems scarcely to have entered sufficiently into their calculations—is whether their or any such repertory theatre could secure a regular paying audience. England, we must remember, is not, like France or Italy, a nation of playgoers—at most it is a nation of pleasure-seekers, and pleasure-seekers who in the main are the slaves of fashion, and never go to see any particular play till neighbours or prolonged advertisements have called their attention to its existence. This class of public would never patronize a National Theatre till it had become a long established institution. Obviously, then, its supporters at first would have to be collected from that smaller public which makes a hobby of the playhouse. What its support is worth can only be judged by the fortunes of the one repertory theatre of which we have had experience lately—that conducted by Messrs. Vedrenne and Barker. What are the lessons of their managements at the Court and the Savoy? In the first place, the number of those playgoers who regard the drama as an art, and not a mere entertainment, is limited. They could mere entertainment, is limited. They could keep the Court going successfully, but they could not fill an average-sized theatre like the Savoy. Secondly, Mr. Granville Barker and Mr. Vedrenne could not entirely break through the long-run superstition, but found it necessary to put on Mr. Shaw's plays for four or more weeks of consecutive evening performances. Thirdly, their success at the Court was mainly due to the plays of a single author; he gave their theatre its special tone and character. From these considerations it seems to follow that unless the directors of any National Theatre can make their Shakspearean productions at cheap prices or their new plays appeal to the pleasure-seeker; unless they can suspend the rule as to long runs in favour of a popular success; unless they can find, either in an enlarged Shakspearean repertory or a new or established dramatist, some special attraction, they will not readily accustom our playgoing public to the idea or the encouragement of a repertory

Dramatic Elocution and Action, by A. C. Sutherland (W. H. & L. Collingridge), is a book of exceptional interest, as it quotes a very large amount of criticisms and actual instances of dramatic gestures from the press (including our own columns) and from the work of novelists. In the latter case some of the writers cited can hardly be regarded as authorities. The author is fully justified in calling attention to the neglect of gesture and elecution by the players and reciters of to-day. We have by the seen popular actors whose range of gesture was absurdly small and inadequate. The investigation of the subject since Darwin's book on the 'Expression of the Emotions' has not made the advance that might have been expected. We commend Mr. Sutherland's work, which includes ample references to other authorities, to the consideration of all who wish to speak effectively. The division of the matter into small paragraphs—no fewer than 996 in number—makes it rather difficult to read, but on almost every age there is something of interest, and the literary quotations are often curiously apt.

It is correct, we believe, to say that ranting has generally gone out, and been succeeded by a quieter style. Nor is screaming so prevalent as it was a while since—an abstention for which we are duly grateful. The observer will be able to add to some of the suggestions made. Thus the placing of the right hand on the heart (624) "denotes strong asseveration or intense affection but the last time we saw this gesture used in real life, it was the action of a fainting man. It might be used in such cases of heart failure as that of the old man in 'Magda.' 'Musical comedy' rather than melodrama is the popular branch of acting to-day, and in no quarter is there more need of intelligence concerning gesture, though the elocution is, as a whole, clearer than that which prevails in serious drama, partly, perhaps, because the actors in question frequently occupy other stages with single songs in which they must be heard.

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Brooke's 'Romeus and Juliet,' being the Original of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet.' Edited by J. J. Munro. (Chatto & Windus.) —Arthur Brooke's poem—one of "The Shakespeare Classics"—is one of the least known of the so-called "originals" of the Shakspearean plays, and well worth perusal on its own merits, if only for the skill with which the author handles the glib and monotonous metre of his choice—a metre which survives to-day chiefly in hymnals. The Introduction, though lacking in conciseness, is able and scholarly; but Mr. Munro devotes, we think, too much of his space to tracing similarities between the many mediæval tales of distressed lovers: a process interesting enough, but in its ruth-lessly scientific method—exemplified in their classification as 'Separation Romances' and 'Potion Romances'—somewhat out of accord with the spirit of the subject to which it is applied, and suitable rather for examination purposes than pleasure. The older versions of the story of 'Romeo and Juliet' are dealt with in detail, and stress is laid upon Brooke's indebtedness to the 'Troilus and Criseyde' of Chaucer—a theory worked out at length in the second of the three out at length in the second of the three Appendixes, the first containing a 'Table of Correspondence' between the poem and Shakspeare's play, and the third an account of Brooke's death by drowning on his passage to Le Havre. The book is furnished with a Glossary, and there are some useful Textual Notes.

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